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### TAKEN ENDLESS AGES

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### OF INTEREST IN BRYAN

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LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Dec. 31.—Four Federal Districts in Texas sent more men to the United States Federal Penitentiary during the last fiscal year than any other State districts, according to the annual report of W. M. Fisher, record clerk, just published at the prison. From the four districts of Texas there were received 375 prisoners. The Western District of Texas, embracing the upper Rio Grande country, the scene of much narcotic smuggling, furnished 244 of the Texas total.

### WILKERSON & SEARCY FORM PARTNERSHIP TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Dr. L. O. Wilkerson, who has been spending the holidays in Bryan visiting relatives and friends, announces that he has decided to locate in Bryan and has formed a partnership for the practice of medicine and surgery under the firm name of Searcy & Wilkerson, effective January 1st, 1925. They will be located in the upstairs offices of the Moehman Building, the structure next door to McCulloch-Gordon Co., where five commodious offices have been secured and modern conveniences installed for the accommodation of their patients.

Dr. Wilkerson came to Bryan in 1919 and practiced medicine here for two years, leaving in 1920 to go to China as a medical missionary. During his residence in Bryan he formed many intimate friends and was married to Miss Edna Wicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wicks.

He spent 18 months in the Rockefeller Foundation Hospital, where he had broad experience in the practice and study of surgery under the best-trained specialists. He was then placed in charge of the Southern Baptist Hospital in Chengchow, Honan Province, China, where he practiced medicine and surgery until the health of his wife forced him to return to the United States.

Dr. Searcy is a native of Brazos county, but practiced medicine in Hempstead for a number of years after his graduation from the Medical College of the University of Texas, located in Galveston. In 1920 he came to Bryan, where he has become a prominent figure in social, fraternal and religious life, being president of the Lion's Club, and holding important relations to the church and fraternal orders. He is well known to the people of this section and has made a host of friends since his location here.

Undoubtedly Bryan is growing. It is just as important to look after the health of the community as it is to safeguard the civic, educational, religious, and fraternal relations, and the fact that competent professional men are turning their eyes this way is an indication of the wide awake spirit of progress which is now permeating Bryan.

### COUNTY AGENTS OF BRAZOS COMMEMORATED BY DIRECTOR WALTON

A letter under date of December 29, 1924, and addressed to C. L. Beason and Miss Laura Belle Roten, Brazos county agents, from T. O. Walton, director of the Extension Service Department of the A. and M. College, gives special commendation to them for the work done in winning the boys' and girls' club championship of Texas this year.

The letter follows: "It is with a genuine sense of pleasure that I am privileged to notify you that the Edge Boys' and Girls' Club won first place in the state-wide boys' and girls' club contest, and the district prize in the Farm and Ranch contest. I congratulate you and the other leaders as well as the membership in this club, upon the splendid showing that you made in the contest this year."

"It affords me a good deal of personal satisfaction to know that the work that you have been doing in Brazos county is understood and appreciated by the farm people of this county. No greater compliment can come to the Institution, than for those who are in close proximity to it to accept its teachings and apply them in the solution of the problems of the home and farm. It is evidence, that as the years go by, the Institution and its teaching is held in high esteem by the people who know it best, which is of course a source of gratification to all of us who are connected with the Institution in an official capacity."

"I wish for you continued success in your work in the interest of rural welfare throughout this great country."

### KAW VALLEY'S BANK IS LOOTED

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### THREE MEN IN GANG

(By Associated Press)  
KANSAS CITY, Kans., Dec. 31.—The Kaw Valley State Bank was held up and robbed of \$11,600 by three men here today. Seven persons were forced into a back room and made to lie on the floor, while the bank was being looted.

### BONAR MORGAN AND MISS VIRGINIA HARLOW MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED ON MONDAY

At the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Held in this city on Monday, December 29th, at 8 p. m., was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bonar Morgan and Miss Virginia Harlow, in the presence of a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. Dr. Held was the officiating minister, and the beautiful ring ceremony was used. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harlow of this city, beloved by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The groom is in the employ of the Bryan Buick Company in this city, though his home is in Marlin. He is a nephew of M. M. Erskine of Bryan and has made this city his home for the past several months. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have gone for a short bridal trip, and when they return to Bryan will make their home in an apartment at the residence of Miss Grace Bowman. Congratulations and very best wishes from a host of friends are extended to the happy young couple.

### COL. IKE ASHBURN SPEAKER A. & M. STUDENTS BANQUET

TEMPLE, Dec. 31.—Former and present students of A. and M. College met in the fourth annual banquet of the Bell County A. and M. Ex-Students' Association held here Monday night followed by a dance. Over 100 covers were laid. Lieut. Wade Forester of College Station cadet corps, was toastmaster. Judge Marion S. Church of Dallas made the principal address. Col. Ike Ashburn of College Station, secretary of the Texas A. and M. Ex-Students' Association, and Luke Balard of Waco were also among the guests who spoke.

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"Speaking of the Boy Scouts, these boys deserve much praise for their assistance in making the municipal Christmas tree a success," said City Manager J. Bryan Miller today. "Troop No. 4 was on duty helping prepare the tree and light decorations, and protected traffic during the distribution of gifts they ably assisted. As a result of the Scout training, one of the boys on duty remained at his post so long before being relieved that he had two toes frozen. Good people, this is loyalty and shows what training means to Boy Scouts. These boys were more interested in 'Doing a Good Turn Daily' than in their own comfort. Let us all get behind the Boy Scouts and push."

### NINETEEN GALLONS OF LARD IS TAKEN FROM TWO 400-POUND HOGS

W. R. Goen of Coleview assisted his neighbor, J. T. Kelley, to butcher two hogs on Christmas eve last week. The hogs, dressed, weighed 800 pounds, and from the two animals were taken 19 gallons of lard, when rendered. These farmers consider both the weight of the hogs and the amount of lard as unusual.



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(By Associated Press)

LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Dec. 31.—Four Federal Districts in Texas sent more men to the United States Federal Penitentiary during the last fiscal year than any other State districts, according to the annual report of W. M. Fisher, record clerk, just published at the prison. From the four districts of Texas there were received 375 prisoners. The Western District of Texas, embracing the upper Rio Grande country, the scene of much narcotic smuggling, furnished 244 of the Texas total.

### WILKERSON & SEARCY FORM PARTNERSHIP TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Dr. L. O. Wilkerson, who has been spending the holidays in Bryan visiting relatives and friends, announces that he has decided to locate in Bryan and has formed a partnership for the practice of medicine and surgery under the firm name of Searcy & Wilkerson, effective January 1st, 1925. They will be located in the upstairs offices of the Moehman Building, the structure next door to McCulloch-Gordon Co., where five commodious offices have been secured and modern conveniences installed for the accommodation of their patients.

Dr. Wilkerson came to Bryan in 1919 and practiced medicine here for two years, leaving in 1920 to go to China as a medical missionary. During his residence in Bryan he formed many intimate friends and was married to Miss Edna Wicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wicks.

He spent 18 months in the Rockefeller Foundation Hospital, where he had broad experience in the practice and study of surgery under the best-trained specialists. He was then placed in charge of the Southern Baptist Hospital in Chengchow, Honan Province, China, where he practiced medicine and surgery until the health of his wife forced him to return to the United States.

Dr. Searcy is a native of Brazos county, but practiced medicine in Hempstead for a number of years after his graduation from the Medical College of the University of Texas, located in Galveston. In 1920 he came to Bryan, where he has become a prominent figure in social, fraternal and religious life, being president of the Lion's Club, and holding important relations to the church and fraternal orders. He is well known to the people of this section and has made a host of friends since his location here.

Undoubtedly Bryan is growing. It is just as important to look after the health of the community as it is to safeguard the civic, educational, religious, and fraternal relations, and the fact that competent professional men are turning their eyes this way is an indication of the wide awake spirit of progress which is now permeating Bryan.

### COUNTY AGENTS OF BRAZOS COMMENDED BY DIRECTOR WALTON

A letter under date of December 29, 1924, and addressed to C. L. Beason and Miss Laura Belle Roten, Brazos county agents, from T. O. Walton, director of the Extension Service Department of the A. and M. College, gives special commendation to them for the work done in winning the boys' and girls' club championship of Texas this year.

The letter follows: "It is with a genuine sense of pleasure that I am privileged to notify you that the Edge Boys' and Girls' Club won first place in the state-wide boys' and girls' club contest, and the district prize in the Farm and Ranch contest. I congratulate you and the other leaders as well as the membership in this club, upon the splendid showing that you made in the contest this year.

"It affords me a good deal of personal satisfaction to know that the work that you have been doing in Brazos county is understood and appreciated by the farm people of this county. No greater compliment can come to the Institution, than for those who are in close proximity to it to accept its teachings and apply them in the solution of the problems of the home and farm. It is evidence, that as the years go by, the Institution and its teaching is held in high esteem by the people who know it best, which is of course a source of gratification to all of us who are connected with the Institution in an official capacity.

"I wish for you continued success in your work in the interest of rural welfare throughout this great country."

### KAW VALLEY'S BANK IS LOOTED

SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS  
TAKEN FROM STATE  
BANK TODAY.

### THREE MEN IN GANG

(By Associated Press)  
KANSAS CITY, Kans., Dec. 31.—The Kaw Valley State Bank was held up and robbed of \$11,600 by three men here today. Seven persons were forced into a back room and made to lie on the floor, while the bank was being looted.

### BONAR MORGAN AND MISS VIRGINIA HARLOW MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED ON MONDAY

At the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Held in this city on Monday, December 29th, at 8 p. m., was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bonar Morgan and Miss Virginia Harlow, in the presence of a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. Dr. Held was the officiating minister, and the beautiful ring ceremony was used. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harlow of this city, beloved by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The groom is in the employ of the Bryan Buick Company in this city, though his home is in Marlin. He is a nephew of M. M. Erskine of Bryan and has made this city his home for the past several months. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have gone for a short bridal trip, and when they return to Bryan will make their home in an apartment at the residence of Miss Grace Bowman. Congratulations and very best wishes from a host of friends are extended to the happy young couple.

### COL. IKE ASHBURN SPEAKER A. & M. STUDENTS BANQUET

TEMPLE, Dec. 31.—Former and present students of A. and M. College met in the fourth annual banquet of the Bell County A. and M. Ex-Students' Association held here Monday night followed by a dance. Over 100 covers were laid. Lieut. Wade Forester of College Station cadet corps, was toastmaster. Judge Marion S. Church of Dallas made the principal address. Col. Ike Ashburn of College Station, secretary of the Texas A. and M. Ex-Students' Association, and Luke Balard of Waco were also among the guests who spoke.

### J. BRYAN MILLER IN PRAISE BOY SCOUTS FOR GOOD WORK DONE

"Speaking of the Boy Scouts, these boys deserve much praise for their assistance in making the municipal Christmas tree a success," said City Manager J. Bryan Miller today. "Troop No. 4 was on duty helping prepare the tree and light decorations, and protected traffic during the distribution of gifts they ably assisted. As a result of the Scout training, one of the boys on duty remained at his post so long before being relieved that he had two toes frozen. Good people, this is loyalty and shows what training means to Boy Scouts. These boys were more interested in 'Doing a Good Turn Daily' than in their own comfort. Let us all get behind the Boy Scouts and push."

### NINETEEN GALLONS OF LARD IS TAKEN FROM TWO FOUR-HOGS

W. R. Goen of Coleview assisted his neighbor, J. T. Kelley, to butcher two hogs on Christmas eve last week. The hogs, dressed, weighed 800 pounds, and from the two animals were taken 19 gallons of lard, when rendered. These farmers consider both the weight of the hogs and the amount of lard as unusual.

### SOCIETY NEED NOT FEAR TRUTH

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SPEAKS  
TO DELEGATION FROM PORTICO OF WHITE HOUSE.

### TAKEN ENDLESS AGES

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Three thousand members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and allied societies, were told by President Calvin Coolidge today that society and government no longer fear the results of scientific search for the truth. It has taken endless ages to create in certain men a courage that will accept the truth simply because it is the truth, the President said. The President addressed the delegation, who had been attending the sessions of the Association's conventions here, from the south portico of the White House.

### CARL WIPPRECHT HAS WON A \$15 PRIZE IN TON LITTER CONTEST

A. L. Ward, secretary of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association, advises County Agent C. L. Beason that Carl Wipprecht of Bryan is entitled to a \$15 prize in the ton litter contest that was held in Texas this year for the best record made with a Duroc litter in Brazos county. The prize was offered by the National Duroc Record Association. With but seven pigs in the litter, Mr. Wipprecht lacked but 40 pounds of making the required ton of flesh but which entitled him to a medal and now gives him an additional \$15 prize.

### OF INTEREST IN BRYAN

The marriage of Lieut. Paul Neal of College Station and Miss Katherine Dunlap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dunlap, will take place Tuesday evening at Oak Lawn Methodist church. Monday evening, following rehearsal for the wedding, J. R. Perryman entertained members of the wedding party with a buffet supper at Melrose Court. Monday afternoon Mrs. Graham Pierce and Miss Eugenia Weaver entertained the bride's attendants with a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Pierce, 4405 Gilbert St. Christmas decorations, including red candles in silver holders, were used on the table, where places were marked with Christmas place cards.—Dallas News.

Todd R. White, manager for the Bryan-College Traction Company, is in Houston on business. He went to get machinery for the company repaired that transportation might be established at the earliest possible moment.

### INSPECTION OF SHIPS AT ALL PORTS PREVENT SPREAD BUBONIC PLAGUE

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—The Public Health Service has evolved a rigid health inspection program applicable to ships reaching any American Port from New Orleans, San Pedro or Oakland, as a precaution against the spread of bubonic infection among rats which has been discovered in those three cities.



# BRYAN WEEKLY EAGLE

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## FORMER BRYAN MAN

The city manager plan is new in Waco, but it seems to be working satisfactorily, at least, in the realm of finance. The manager, E. E. McAdams, has informed the city council that the city has been living within its income during the first two months of the fiscal year, and in fact has spent \$5,000 less than the allowance. And, in addition, through the co-operation of the large taxpayers in making payments the city has been kept out of debt throughout the fall. At the present rate of expenditure, the manager estimates that the city will save \$24,000 this year, as compared with the amount spent in the previous twelve months. This idea of a city administration spending less than the budget allowance is indeed something out of the ordinary. The success of the city manager plan is said to depend upon the sort of manager that is entrusted with the job, and the sort of co-operation that is given him. Waco appears to have a good manager and good co-operation. Other Texas cities will keep their eyes on the Waco administration.—Houston Post.

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The victory for the boys and girls who are members of the Edge Blue Ribbon Forty Club, is not alone their victory, but belongs to the whole community as well. The club leader, Mr. Mangum, the others who have assisted in the direct work were directly responsible for the superintending and creating the interest and enthusiasm, but the real work was done in the homes of the club members, the parents taking a great interest in the program and laying aside all other things when club work was urgent, even bringing sick children—club members—to club meetings on cots in order that a perfect attendance could be registered and their child not retard the splendid club record. Edge community has put over a novel and telling plan in making the boys' and girls' club work a community affair as well, and by putting ultimate success up to the parents, they have gained the support and the co-operation necessary to set up a new standard for the entire state to emulate and to follow. Hats off to Edge, her club members, her leader and the people of the community. You have put your community on the map of Texas as again and Edge will be talked of in every school house of this vast State. You have advertised Edge and Brazos county—you have entered the contest, fought a good fight and won. You have wrought well.

## TEXAS HAS A CHARM

There is a charm, a mystery, a romance, a thrill in the name "Texas," that comes with the pronunciation of no other State name in all the category of the Union. We should capitalize these things so that they may be translated into terms of increased business, increased population, greater development. In our publicity we should tell of our history of the struggles that have flown from the soil of the missions, the Indian battles, the trails of civilization. These things interest, captivate and interest people. Listen.—Fort Worth Record.

We agree with you, but please tell us how folks are going to tell of the glories of a history and capitalize something that they don't know anything about. The ignorances of Texans about their own State history is something appalling. Perhaps it comes largely from the attitude of the public schools toward Texas history in that they teach so little of it and that when the student is at an age that he make but little impression. Yet however it is true. How many Texans can tell the glory of the Alamo, Goliad, San Jacinto or Old Washington, the cradle of Texas independence? There is so little known of Old Washington that it is really hard to find any one who can give the facts about it. Just today we asked a young lad some fifteen or sixteen years old to tell us something about Washington-on-the-Brazos, and what do you suppose was his answer? "Washington-on-the Brazos? Where is that anyway?" That boy is Brazos county born; a student of the Bryan high school, and a boy of more than average intelligence. Yet he don't know Texas history, made in his neighboring county. He is not in a class upon thousands of boys and girls and older folks, too, who do not know Texas history. It is never too late to do good so begin today. Know your State history; it will not only help you individually, but it will help your State to sing its praises.

Governor Pat M. Neff recently stated that ignorance cost the people of Texas \$300,000,000 a year. Col. George Bailey of the Houston Post-Dispatch would add to this sum \$1,000,000 for incompetency and \$500,000,000 for laziness. This may be the answer to the high tax rate.

Every citizen can agree with Jim Ferguson in his denunciation of the burning of the text books. It is an outrage and a waste that ought to be stopped.

## LAST LAP COUNTS

Governor Neff is to be commended for his interest in having Texas dotted with beautiful parks; he is also to be commended for the results that have been accomplished during his administration of this project. A State Park System is a fine thing and it is well to have them. Surely there never will be a time when they can be secured at a more reasonable price or on more reasonable terms of donation than just now. While there have already been a number of parks acquired throughout the State it will amount to but little unless provisions are made for their upkeep. Judging from the past that is going to be the hard task. Texas citizens seem impressed with the idea that the State's expenditures should be reduced rather than increased, regardless of how desirable a thing is. We believe the State Park System is desirable and would be well worth the necessary expenditure. Too long has Texas neglected her historical shrines and a visit to them will convince any Texan that loves his country that we have been niggardly toward those who made it possible for us to enjoy the splendid citizenship of today. We Texans are always starting some thing that is easy but we soon lose our enthusiasm and let things go to rack through neglect. Texas has spent millions on roads and then failed to take care of them; thousands on surveys and then failed to follow them; thousands on investigations only to whitewash them and create new schools only to handicap those already in existence. Enthusiasm is essential to success. Enthusiasm is needed to urge Texans on to victory in whatever task they undertake, whether it be in the launching of campaigns for parks, roads, schools or what not. But let us hope it is true enthusiasm, which means daring an uncompromising devotion to the end that what should be shall be.

## TEXANIZING TEXAS

The unique work of "Texanizing Texas" has been set for itself by the Texas Centennial Committee of One Hundred in advance of its meeting at Austin, January 19. At this meeting it is proposed to take steps toward raising a fund of \$100,000 to be employed in educational work in preparation for the Centennial.

To those who entertain surprise as to why there should be such an educational campaign it is suggested that this Centennial thing is not to be the ordinary kind of celebration, even statewide. The vision which first comprehended it has grown until it is planned that the exposition shall be such as to place it among the great fairs of the world.

Texas has the background of historical and commercial significance to justify such plans. Here was fused in the cauldron of the primeval wilderness the destiny of a great continent. The period within which Anglo-Saxon civilization in Texas was in the making was a period of import to North America second only to that of the period of discovery. But one thing is lacking to complete Texas' equipment for making this Centennial as big as it ought to be. That one thing is the thorough understanding and the universal co-operation of the people of Texas.

In this view, the proposal of the Committee of 100 to spend \$100,000 in "Selling Texas to Texans" in advance of any permanent plans for the exposition becomes the height of good business judgment.

There is, fortunately, sufficient time to proceed carefully in maturing the plans for the exposition. The idea of a Centennial does not necessarily apply to any one date. Any time within the period between the first Anglo-American entry into Texas as a statehood may be commemorated as well as another.

The chief matter at hand right now is to build up in Texas a public realization of the greatness and importance of the state in the past and in the present. It is to develop a Texas consciousness among Texans. When this is done, the degree of co-operation necessary to insure success of the exposition will be guaranteed. To know Texas history and its historical significance is to realize that there is something for commemorating greater and grander than that which inspired such world fairs as those at Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The Casual Caller wants to know the oldest church school in Texas and where located. If we have the record straight, the oldest church school is the Baylor University, supported by the Baptist church. It was established during the days of the Republic of Texas at Independence, Washington county. Later it was moved to Waco. Southwestern University, supported by the Methodist church, was located at Georgetown, Williamson county, in 1873. Texas Christian University, now located at Fort Worth, was originally Add-Ran College, located at Thorp Spring. Trinity University, now located at Waxahachie, originally at Teahuacana, supported by the Presbyterian church, is an old educational institution. The convents at Galveston, Houston and Dallas are among the older institutions of our Texas education.

Farmers of Brazos county have a great advantage over farmers in other sections of the state by being in close proximity to the A. and M. College of Texas. They are where they can see the practical farm work, stock raising, dairying, etc., and hundreds of experiments being conducted in agricultural lines. We are just wondering if they appreciate this advantage and avail themselves of it as they should. The farmer who fails to use the knowledge the college can furnish him, which is absolutely free and given for the asking is missing a great opportunity for profit for himself.

## BIZZELL VOICES WARNING

President Bizzell of the Agricultural and Mechanical College once more called attention to the manner in which Texas is starving the soil that feeds Texas. In his address before the sixth annual Banker-Farmer Conference at College Station he told his hearers that the productivity of the Texas acre of 1924 was less than that of 1923. There has been a steady diminishing of the fertility of the soil since the beginning of agriculture in this State. It means that we have mined our fields instead of farming them. Said Dr. Bizzell:

"The average yield per acre of lint cotton in Texas for the period 1914 to 1920 was 157 pounds; in 1923 it was only 146 pounds. Nothing could better illustrate the necessity for building up our soils and stopping this continuous drain on our fertility. This decline in production must be stopped. Cotton is not the only crop that has shown a decrease in acre production. Texas wheat for the six-year period mentioned above fell from an average yield per acre of 14 bushels to 10 1-2 bushels. Corn dropped from 19 9-10 bushels to 18 1-2. It is up to the agriculturists of the State not only to regain this lost yield, but also to produce more crops on fewer acres. In other words, what we need most is less area in cultivation and more production on the amount of land planted to crops. It is up to the farmers of Texas."

By having addressed his remarks equally to the bankers the speaker implied that it is also up to the bankers to aid in the gospel of feeding the acres that feed us. Dr. Bizzell is undoubtedly correct. Nor is the remedy an abstruse one. If half of Texas plow lands lay fallow every year, the other half under proper management could easily produce more than they all produce by our present farming methods.

It is not reasonable to blame conditions upon the supposed ignorance of the tillers of the ground. One of the reasons for holding the conference attended by bankers and farmers together is that the country banker is a sort of financial father confessor to hundreds of his rural neighbors and customers. The usage of fertilizer disarranges the usual financial cycle in Texas a little in that it calls for the application of cash as well as labor and credit to the preparation of the crop. For generations our poorer farmers have been accustomed to begin the year with debts squared and credit established—provided the old year has been good—and go blithely through the plowing and planting and reaping on borrowed funds. The fertilizer farmer, by reason of the cost of applications, must have either operating capital of his own or else must be able to borrow in larger amounts and earlier in the season than the farmer who takes his living out of the soil and returns nothing to the soil by way of replacement.

The News and the institution over which Mr. Bizzell presides have worked together in conducting the More Cotton on Fewer Acres Contest, not so much in any sporting or competitive interest as in the effort to learn just how much improvement in the productivity of the soil may be counted upon under the best actual farm conditions. Extraordinary results under scientific watch-care and environment are one thing and a satisfactory yield under conditions as they are on the farm is quite different. The farmer serves as guides and suggestions, but the latter is the proof of the pudding.—Dallas News.

## WHAT THINK YOU?

"The streets of hell are paved with good intentions" is an old saying that we have heard ever since we were old enough to remember. But we are frank to say we had rather take the chance of one who has character and courage enough to make a good intention and break it than one who hasn't the character to make one at all. There is hope for the first class but none for the latter. We contend any person who has character enough to make a good intention can also develop enough stamina to carry it out. Our philosophy is "If a man haveth a good intention and fails to live up to that, mark him, my brother, for within slumbereth a good seed which hath not had the proper nourishment."

## JUST ANOTHER PUZZLE

A friend of our handed us this and if you are interested in puzzles you may be interested. We are not: "Put down the number of your living brothers. Then multiply by two and add three; then multiply the result by five. Add the number of living sisters and multiply the result by 10. Add the number of dead brothers and sisters and subtract 150 from the result. The right-hand figure will be the number of dead brothers or sisters, the middle figure the number of living sisters and the first or right hand figure the number of living brothers." The calculation proved out just as the man said it would.

Some Williamson county farmers have agreed to plant only one kind of selected seed on 1,500 acres of land next spring. This will do much for the state's agriculture. Standardized seed, poultry and live stock will add wealth to any community. Brazos county would do well to follow the example of Williamson.

Just two more days in which to seriously think out those New Year resolutions. As for us we have been thinking of ours for several days and are going to make some. We contended a person who has character enough to make them will ultimately develop stamina enough to keep them.

In olden times it was said the man who bridled his tongue was greater than he who took a walled city. In this day and time it might be said that he that harnesses the rivers is contributing largely toward building a great country.

If you do not believe in Bryan's future keep it to yourself.

## BRAZOS COUNTY

# BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB DEPARTMENT

Club Notes and Farm News by County Agent C. L. Beason

## A Much-Needed Rain.

Let us be thankful for the long-looked-for rain, providing ample stock water and making it possible for the farmers to begin their farming operations. Already we have, seemingly, lost too much time that should have been spent in fall preparation of land, experiences of the best farmers going to prove that fall preparation of land is always conducive to greater yields, and, in addition to this advantage, there is also another advantage in that it distributes the labor necessary to make a crop over a greater period of the year and hence gives a better opportunity to do well the many things found to be done. Too many try to see how little work can be done to make a crop, rather than try to do well all necessary work.

## Lack of Common Honesty.

A. E. Thomas, Fort Worth banker, in speaking at the recent Banker-Farmer Congress at College Station, said, among other things, that our schools should teach "basic honesty and work." We are of the opinion that Mr. Thomas expressed a truth to which too little consideration is given now a days. The rugged honesty of our fathers is not the chief characteristic of our lives of today. Selfishness and greed, like a canker worm, have gnawed mightily at the tenets of our fathers. Certainly in this day and time, when, on account of the mad rush of life and the changed condition of things, the home has been robbed of its former opportunity to impress and teach the principles of common honesty, as in the days of old, and upon the schools has fallen a task, and a mighty responsibility rests upon the teachers who are to lead afire your child and mine.

## Examine Terraces Early.

Look your terraces over for weak or broken places and see that such are quickly mended. A weak or broken terrace may do much damage, besides failing to catch washings at the very places where most needed. Failure to open up outlets of terraces may cause breaks in the best of built terraces. Remember, a terrace, like a chain, is no stronger than its weakest place. Look them over again and again.

## "Bean" Farming.

Old Si Silver was a peculiar duck. Farmed with his bean and had darned good luck; The folks round about worked and tried— But here's Si's secret—he diversified.—Banker-Farmer.

## Formula for Acquiring Wealth.

Community Progress quotes E. C. Nelson, City National Bank, of York, Nebraska, as saying, among other essentials in the acquisition of wealth,

"No political, social or other panacea or cure-all will remedy the condition of the farmer and stock raiser. More sane and frugal habits, economic and right living, the reinstatement of the good old-fashioned home environment, more saving and less spending—these simple formulas coupled with hard and honest work must necessarily produce the desired results. Farm less and farm it better. Counsel with your banker freely. Do more individual thinking and less joy riding. Have enough good milk cows to defray all household expenses for the entire family."

## Victory Came From Work.

Victor H. Schoffeleers, cotton contest editor, Semi-Weekly Farm News, says, in speaking of the record made by J. M. McFarland who won the \$1,000 prize for the most cotton produced on five acres, the production being 5,080 pounds of lint cotton, that "No man could have done what Mr. McFarland has done without unceasing work conscientiously carried out at the time it was needed." Although John W. McFarlane's success has been heralded to the corners of the earth by radio, telegraph and newspaper service, it is a story well worth retelling. It supplies another proof that no matter who a man may be if he achieves merit, the "world will beat a path to his door." But just listen 'round the corner and see if you don't hear some one who was not within a hundred miles of the McFarlane farm say that "He didn't do it."

## Hats Off To Miss Westbrook.

The announcement that the Edge Blue Ribbon Forty Boys' and Girls' Club has won the State championship brings another honor to Brazos county and to the boys and girls of this great county. Another thing, and perhaps the most remarkable of all, it has demonstrated what community team work can accomplish and the far-reaching effects of community spirit in any undertaking. The achievements of the Edge boys and girls is a compliment to be proud of, but the loyalty of the parents and friends of the club members was one of the factors responsible for the victory won. The entire club worked in every activity. They evidently recognized the truth in the time-old maxim, "United we stand; divided we fall." The Commercial Club of Mason county, State champions in 1923, was a close second in the race this year, and our hat is off to that untiring adult club leader and community builder, Miss Westbrook, the principal of the school. She has set a worthy example for all Texas teachers in community building, the club crediting her with being the inspiration of their endeavors and the leader in every worthy community enterprise.

# Mrs. J. B. Hood Writes of Texas Brigade Reunion in June, 1924, and Also of Her Visit to Bryan

(Editors Note—The following is an account of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hood and their son, John B., the third, to Bryan last June to attend the 53rd annual reunion of Hood's Texas Brigade in this, the permanent convention city for this organization. The Hoods reside at Matagorda Plantation, Jones-town, Mississippi. Mrs. Hood, northern by birth and Southern by choice and by principles, has sent as Christmas gifts a small bound booklet telling of their trip to Bryan last June. J. B. Hood is the son of the famous Confederate general who is eulogized at each annual reunion of the veterans of this brigade.)

Our recent trip to Texas, returning via New Orleans, for many reasons was extremely interesting. First and foremost because of the real reason of the trip—the fifty-third annual reunion of Hood's Texas Brigade. This remnant of what was once a glorious, valiant, heroic army, not only the pride of Texas, but of the whole Confederate army, have come together every year for fifty years to pay homage and respect to their gallant, brave commander, General John B. Hood, and also to rekindle old friendships, to clasp the hands of their old comrades-in-arms and to fight over again many of their battles and to exchange with each other from their wonderful storehouse of memories bits of forgotten history, anecdotes, some humorous, some pathetic, but tender memories cherished by all.

Then there was the splendid opportunity to see the crops in four states—Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana—and, furthermore, the opportunity at last presented itself to visit Galveston and see the wonderful sea wall constructed since the tragic disaster of 1900. This wall saved Galveston from a similar fate in 1915, when the spray went over 100 feet in the air and part of the wall was destroyed.

Taking the 5 p. m. train for Memphis, arriving there about 8 p. m., we found the crops between here and Memphis in good shape; clean stands, much improved from what they were on a recent visit to Memphis.

## Texas Soils and Crops.

Leaving Memphis late that night over the Sunshine Special, Missouri Pacific, we were still in Arkansas when we awoke in the morning, having passed through Little Rock in the night and arriving at Texarkana in the morning, part of our train going on to Dallas and Fort Worth, we continuing on to Valley Junction, where we changed cars for Bryan, arriving there about 6 p. m. All

day, from early morning till late that night, we traveled along a bed of beautiful wild flowers, white, yellow and lavender. The cotton is very much behind that in our section, corn did not seem as good, nor was there as much of it as we have in this neighborhood. The character of the soil is so very different in different places; in some places pure white sandy soil, other places brick red, and in the Trinity and Brazos valleys, dark, rich, black soil like the Delta.

Texas still has her fine tracts of woods; there is not the reckless destruction of forest going on there as there is in Mississippi. About noon, while having lunch, we crossed the Trinity river, which causes so much damage by overflowing around Dallas and Houston.

The soil in this river basin and surrounding overflooded country is dark, like our Delta, and the crops in this vicinity are fine—cotton, perfect stand and over two feet high, plenty of blooms; plenty of corn, but saw almost no oats or wheat, and expecting to find much and in soy beans, I saw none. The gorgeous wild flowers are everywhere, and both sides of the track nearly all the way the beautiful black-eyed susan nods and sways in the breeze.

## Veterans On Hand.

We intended going from Valley Junction, where we arrived at 4 p. m., by auto to Bryan, so we might see the country, but we received a telegram on the train before arriving at Valley Junction from the secretary of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce to take the waiting train at Valley Junction and come by train to Bryan, where we would be met. The two hours' ride to Bryan was hot, but clean. All the trains use oil instead of coal, and that is a joy and a comfort.

Conspicuous on this trip was the absence of hands in the fields. I did not see more than a couple of squads in a ride of over 500 miles and many of the crops were much in the grass. For a few miles after leaving Valley Junction the lands are overrun with Johnson grass; great stacks of it are collected and burned, and many places the fields have been abandoned to it. Many fields that have been planted in cotton have been so overgrown with Johnson grass that the further cultivation of the crops has been given up. Much cotton had to be replanted, and evidently very late, for it is very small—just six or eight leaves. The early cotton along the Brazos valley has plenty of blooms, but quite a good deal of land lying out. Between the extreme heat, the intense white light and the glare of

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Man has always thrilled to these original scenes of glory, as they speak the symbolic language of Gods love and promise—even as the rainbow spoke in the days of old. Often has the writer thrilled to the ecstasies of natural beauty, the blending of color in a gorgeous sunset, and the riotous banners of wild flowers on a hillside; but seldom has she witnessed anything more gorgeous or hypnotic than the reflection of the Municipal Christmas tree on the wet pavement

the sun on the white sand one could almost imagine oneself in the tropics. Arriving in Bryan (about 8,000 inhabitants), introductions began immediately, many veterans and their friends having already arrived, although the regular program does not begin until tomorrow.

## Bryan's Country Club.

Miss Katie Daffin of Ennis is the life secretary of the brigade and is the idol of all the veterans. General Felix Robertson of Waco, one of the two surviving generals of the Confederacy, was also there. It was good to see him again after our pleasant visit together in Memphis at the reunion there in June. For fifty years these old veterans of Hood's Texas Brigade have been gathering together every year, and with one exception, which was quite accidental, this was the first time that any of General Hood's family had been present. No wonder we received a royal welcome! How these men loved their gallant commander, for you were hardly introduced until they began to tell you about their beloved commander. As a blessed relief from the heat of the day came the auto ride around the city with Mayor and Mrs. Haswell.

The Country Club, just recently finished, is a beautiful large building with a spacious ball room that any city twice the size of Bryan might justly be proud of. On the grounds of the Country Club and very near to it is the large swimming pool, where all Bryan, young and old, come in the evening to visit or enjoy a swim. It is a great meeting place for the young, who after their swim enjoy the ball room. About six miles out from Bryan is the famous A. and M. College, one of the largest in the country. The handsome buildings, a great many of simple Greek architecture, are clustered near the entrance gate and during school term present a picture of great activity. The grounds comprise about 2,500 acres.

During vacation most of the buildings are closed, but there were a few lights in the dormitories. During the session 2,000 men are fed three times a day in the large dining room. A gay social life also exists between the College and Bryan during the season. Every minute of the two days' reunion was filled from early morning till late at night. The exercises were held at the auditorium of the library.

The morning exercises opened with a call to order by the commander of the brigade, Captain Roberts, followed by an address of welcome by Mayor Tyler Haswell, who paid a tribute to the veterans for their bravery and loyalty, welcoming the Hoods to Bryan, and at the close of his address introduced Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, managing editor of the Bryan Daily Eagle. Her address to these veterans I thought was one of the most touching of all those made. It was so sincere, so from the heart, and given in a tone and manner that left no doubt as to the deep feelings that prompted her stirring words. There were many interesting addresses from the Chamber of Commerce, from the Daughters of the Confederacy, from many individuals. Captain Roberts turned the meeting over to Miss Daffin, who with charm and efficiency proved an able presiding officer. Miss Daffin has been honored by the old veterans, who love her so devotedly, by being selected as life secretary of Hood's Brigade. She is a very talented woman, a great writer, been president of the D. A. R. of Texas, besides holding many other positions in Texas clubs. Presentations of the Hoods, who were called upon for talks. (To Be Continued.)

# HARRY WILLIAMS AND JOHNNY KONECNY OF BRYAN ARE MENTIONED

Bryan high school received mention in football circles when football critics of the state picked the three or four leading teams of the state as shown through the Interscholastic League. There were over 300 teams entered in this league and something over 3,000 football players, yet in the first 25 to 30, Bryan high school players get rewarded for their efforts, Harry Williams getting a berth at guard on Jinx Tucker's third team and Johnny Konecny winning an end on the fourth team picked by Boggers, Waco high school scout. Jinx also mentioned Konecny as a brilliant end and deserving of special mention. Lynton Boggers also gave particular mention to the playing of Konecny.

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of Main street Monday night. No artists palette e'er witnessed a more brilliant display of the primary rays of light. Dazzlingly beautiful, like magic flames of blue and gold and red, shading exquisitely into green and orange and the more subdued tints of mauve and rose; a path of splendor stretched its length for blocks down every street from the tree; recalling as the motorist approached its source, bewitching, entrancing illusionary.

Did you see it? Did you thrill to its splendor? Or were you merely an unfortunate individual forced by some trivial necessity to leave the warmth of your own fireside? Even the heart touched by sorrow, loveliness or despair must have caught its beauty and been cheered by the glow and glimmer of that flaming path.


The picture painted so casually and so beautifully where tomorrow's sun will show only drab and almost sordid pavement, might well symbolize much to the people of Bryan.

# FAMILY REUNION IS BEING HELD AT HOME T. B. WOOD, COLLEGE AVE

(From Saturday's Daily) A happy family reunion is being enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wood on College road during the Christmas season. Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner, of Mount Pleasant, parents of Mrs. Wood, have recently moved to Bryan to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and the following members of the family are spending the holidays here, enjoying a reunion: Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Turner and two little nephews from Longbranch; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartz, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Griffin and children, Groveton; Mr. and Mrs. Gaines T. Wallace, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Walton, and family, College Station; Mr. and Mrs. George T. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Wallace, all of Bryan.

## FRIENDS CONGRATULATE THE MCKENZIE'S ON ARRIVAL OF DAUGHTER, MISS MARY WORTH

(From Saturday's Daily) The many friends of County Attorney and Mrs. Oak McKenzie are today extending congratulations on the arrival in their home at 2 o'clock this morning of a baby daughter, whom they have named "Mary Worth." The mother is reported getting along nicely, as well as the little daughter. Mother and daughter are both in Bryan Hospital.



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**FORMER BRYAN MAN**  
The city manager plan is new in Waco, but it seems to be working satisfactorily, at least, in the realm of finance. The manager, E. E. McAdams, has informed the city council that the city has been living within its income during the first two months of the fiscal year, and in fact has spent \$5,000 less than the allowance. And, in addition, through gaining the co-operation of the larger taxpayers in making payments the city has been kept out of debt throughout the year. At the present rate of expenditure, the manager estimates that the city will save \$24,000 this year, as compared with the amount spent in the previous twelve months. This idea of a city administration spending less than the budget allowance is indeed something out of the ordinary. The success of the city manager plan is said to depend upon the sort of manager that is entrusted with the job, and the sort of co-operation that is given him. Waco appears to have a good manager and good co-operation. Other Texas cities will keep their eyes on the Waco administration.—Houston Post.

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT**  
The victory for the boys and girls who are members of the Edge Blue Ribbon Forty Club, is not alone their victory, but belongs to the whole community as well. The club leader, Mr. Mangum, the others who have assisted in the direct work were directly responsible for the superintending and creating the interest and enthusiasm, but the real work was done in the homes of the club members, the parents taking a great interest in the program and laying aside all other things when club work was urgent, even bringing sick children—club members—to club meetings on cots in order that a perfect attendance could be registered and their child not retard the splendid club record. Edge community has put over a novel and telling plan in making the boys' and girls' club work a community affair as well, and by putting ultimate success up to the parents, they have gained the support and the co-operation necessary to set up a new standard for the entire state to emulate and to follow. Hats off to Edge, her club members, her leader and the people of the community. You have put your community on the map of Texas again and Edge will be talked of in every school house of this vast State. You have advertised Edge and Brazos county—you have entered the contest, fought a good fight and won. You have wrought well.

**TEXAS HAS A CHARM**  
There is a charm, a mystery, a romance, a thrill in the name "Texas," that comes with the pronunciation of no other State name in all the category of the Union. We should capitalize these things so that they may be translated into terms of increased business, increased population, greater development. In our publicity we should tell of our history of the six flags that have flown over Texas soil of the missions, the Texas Indians, the Indian battles, the Spanish conquest, the Texas Revolution, the Texas Republic. These things interest people and interested people listen.—Fort Worth Record.  
We agree with you, but please tell us how folks are going to tell of the glories of a history and capitalize something that they don't know anything about. The ignorances of Texans about their own State history is something appalling. Perhaps it comes largely from the attitude of the public schools toward Texas history in that they teach so little of it and that when the student is at an age that it make but little impression. Yet however it is true. How many Texans can tell the glory of the Alamo, Goliad, San Jacinto or Old Washington, the cradle of Texas independence? There is so little known of Old Washington that it is really hard to find any one who can give the facts about it. Just today we asked a young lad some fifteen or sixteen years old to tell us something about Washington-on-the-Brazos, and what do you suppose was his answer? "Washington-on-the-Brazos? Where is that anyway?" That boy is Brazos county born; a student of the Bryan high school, and a boy of more than average intelligence. Yet he don't know Texas history, made in his neighboring country. He is not in a class unto himself; there are thousands upon thousands of boys and girls and older folks, too, who do not know Texas history. It is never too late to do good so begin today. Know your State history; it will not only help you individually, but it will help your State to sing its praises.  
Governor Pat M. Neff recently stated that ignorance cost the people of Texas \$30,000,000 a year. Col. George Bailey of the Houston Post-Dispatch would add to this sum \$1,000,000 for incompetency and \$500,000,000 for laziness. This may be the answer to the high tax rate.  
Every citizen can agree with Jim Ferguson in his denunciation of the burning of the text books. It is an outrage and a waste that ought to be stopped.

## LAST LAP COUNTS

Governor Neff is to be commended for his interest in having Texas dotted with beautiful parks; he is also to be commended for the results that have been accomplished during his administration toward the accomplishment of this project. A State Park System is a fine thing and it is well to have them. Surely there never will be a time when they can be secured at a more reasonable price or on more reasonable terms of donation than just now. While there have already been a number of parks acquired throughout the State it will amount to but little unless provisions are made for their upkeep. Judging from the past that is going to be the hard task. Texas citizens seem impressed with the idea that the State's expenditures should be reduced rather than increased, regardless of how desirable a thing is. We believe the State Park System is desirable and would be well worth the necessary expenditure. Too long has Texas neglected her historical shrines and a visit to them will convince any Texan that loves his country that those who have been niggardly toward those who made it possible for us to enjoy the splendid citizenship of today. We Texans are always starting something that is easy but we soon lose our enthusiasm and let things go to rack through neglect. Texas has spent millions on roads and then failed to take care of them; thousands on surveys and then failed to follow them; thousands on investigations only to whitewash them and create new schools only to handicap those already in existence. Enthusiasm is essential to success. Enthusiasm is needed to urge Texans on to victory in whatever task they undertake, whether it be in the launching of campaigns for parks, roads, schools or what not. But let us hope it is true enthusiasm, which means daring an uncompromising devotion to the end that what should be shall be.

## TEXANIZING TEXAS

The unique work of "Texanizing Texas" has been set for itself by the Texas Centennial Committee of One Hundred in advance of its meeting at Austin, January 19. At this meeting it is proposed to take steps toward raising a fund of \$100,000 to be employed in educational work in preparation for the Centennial.  
To those who entertain surprise as to why there should be such an educational campaign it is suggested that this Centennial thing is not to be the ordinary kind of celebration, even state-wide. The vision which first comprehended it has grown until it is planned that the exposition shall be such as to place it among the great fairs of the world.  
Texas has the background of historical and commercial significance to justify such plans. Here was fused in the caldron of the primeval wilderness the destiny of a great continent. The period within which Anglo-Saxon civilization in Texas was in the making was a period of import to North America second only to that of the period of discovery. But one thing is lacking to complete Texas' equipment for making this Centennial as big as it ought to be. That one thing is the thorough understanding and the universal co-operation of the people of Texas.  
In this view, the proposal of the Committee of 100 to spend \$100,000 in "Selling Texas to Texans" in advance of any permanent plans for the exposition becomes the height of good business judgment.  
There is, fortunately, sufficient time to proceed carefully in maturing the plans for the exposition. The idea of a Centennial does not necessarily apply to any one date. Any time within the period between the first Anglo-American entry into Texas and statehood may be commemorated as well as another.  
The chief matter at hand right now is to build up in Texas a public realization of the greatness and importance of the state in the past and in the present. It is to develop a Texan consciousness among Texans. When this is done, the degree of co-operation necessary to insure success of the exposition will be guaranteed. To know Texas history and its historical significance is to realize that there is something for commemorating greater and grander than that which inspired such world fairs as those at Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.  
The Casual Caller wants to know the oldest church school in Texas and where located. If we have the record straight, the oldest church school is the Baylor University, supported by the Baptist church. It was established during the days of the Republic of Texas at Independence, Washington county. Later it was moved to Waco. Southwestern University, supported by the Methodist church, was located at Georgetown, Williamson county, in 1873. Texas Christian University, now located at Fort Worth, was originally Add-Ran College, located at Thorp Spring. Trinity University, now located at Waxahachie, originally at Terhuan, supported by the Presbyterian church, is an old educational institution. The convents at Galveston, Houston and Dallas are among the older institutions of our Texas education.  
Farmers of Brazos county have a great advantage over farmers in other sections of the state by being in close proximity to the A. and M. College of Texas. They are where they can see the practical farm work, stock raising, dairying, etc., and hundreds of experiments being conducted in agricultural lines. We are just wondering if they appreciate this advantage and avail themselves of it as they should. The farmer who fails to use the knowledge the college can furnish him, which is absolutely free and given for the asking is missing a great opportunity for profit for himself.

## BIZZELL VOICES WARNING

President Bizzell of the Agricultural and Mechanical College once more called attention to the manner in which Texas is starving the soil that feeds Texas. In his address before the sixth annual Banker-Farmer Conference at College Station he told his hearers that the productivity of the Texas acre of 1924 was less than that of 1923. There has been steady diminishing of the fertility of the soil since the beginning of agriculture in this State. It means that we have mined our fields instead of farming them. Said Dr. Bizzell:  
"The average yield per acre of lint cotton in Texas for the period 1914 to 1920 was 157 pounds; in 1923 it was only 146 pounds. Nothing could better illustrate the necessity for building up our soils and stopping this continuous drain on its fertility. This decline in production must be stopped. Cotton is not the only crop that has shown a decrease in acre production. Texas wheat for the six-year period mentioned above fell from an average yield per acre of 14 bushels to 10 1/2 bushels. Corn dropped from 19 9/10 bushels to 18 1/2. It is up to the agriculturists of the State not only to regain this lost yield, but also to produce more crops on fewer acres. In other words, what we need most is less area in cultivation and more production on the amount of land planted to crops. It is up to the farmers of Texas."  
By having addressed his remarks equally to the bankers the speaker implied that it is also up to the bankers to aid in the gospel of feeding the acres that feed us. Dr. Bizzell is undoubtedly correct. Nor is the remedy an abstruse one. If half of Texas plow lands lay fallow every year, the other half under proper management could easily produce more than they all produce by our present farming methods.  
It is not reasonable to blame conditions upon the supposed ignorance of the tillers of the ground. One of the reasons for holding the conference attended by bankers and farmers together is that the country banker is a sort of financial father confessor to hundreds of his rural neighbors and customers. The usage of fertilizer disarranges the usual financial cycle in Texas a little in that it calls for the application of cash as well as labor and credit to the preparation of the crop. For generations our poorer farmers have been accustomed to begin the year with debts squared and credit established—provided the old year has been good—and go blithely through the plowing and planting and reaping on borrowed funds. The fertilizer farmer, by reason of the cost of applications, must have either operating capital of his own or else must be able to borrow in larger amounts and earlier in the season than the farmer who takes his living out of the soil and returns nothing to the soil by way of replacement.  
The News and the institution over which Mr. Bizzell presides have worked together in conducting the More Cotton on Fewer Acres Contest, not so much in any sporting or competitive interest as in the effort to learn just how much improvement in the productivity of the soil may be counted upon under the best actual farm conditions. Extraordinary results under scientific watch-care and environment are one thing and a satisfactory yield under conditions as they are on the farm is quite different. The farmer serve as guides and suggestions, but the latter is the proof of the pudding.—Dallas News.

## WHAT THINK YOU?

"The streets of hell are paved with good intentions" is an old saying that we have heard ever since we were old enough to remember. But we are frank to say we had rather take the chance of one who has character and courage enough to make a good intention and break it than one who hasn't the character to make one at all. There is hope for the first class but none for the latter. We contend any person who has character enough to make a good intention can also develop enough stamina to carry it out. Our philosophy is "If a man haveth a good intention and fails to live up to that, mark him, my brother, for within slumbereth a good seed which hath not had the proper nourishment."  
**JUST ANOTHER PUZZLE**  
A friend of our handed us this and if you are interested in puzzles you may be interested. We are not: "Put down the number of your living brothers. Then multiply by two and add three; then multiply the result by five. Add the number of living sisters and multiply the result by 10. Add the number of dead brothers and sisters and subtract 150 from the result. The right-hand figure will be the number of dead brothers or sisters, the middle figure the number of living sisters and the first or right hand figure the number of living brothers." The calculation proved out just as the man said it would.  
Some Williamson county farmers have agreed to plant only one kind of selected seed on 1,500 acres of land next spring. This will do much for the state's agriculture. Standardized seed, poultry and live stock will add wealth to any community. Brazos county would do well to follow the example of Williamson.  
Just two more days in which to seriously think out those New Year resolutions. As for us we have been thinking of ours for several days and are going to make some too. We contend a person who has character enough to make them will ultimately develop stamina enough to keep them.  
In olden times it was said the man who bridled his tongue was greater than he who took a walled city. In this day and time it might be said that he that harnesseth the rivers is contributing largely toward building a great country.  
If you do not believe in Bryan's future keep it to yourself.

## BRAZOS COUNTY

## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB DEPARTMENT

Club Notes and Farm News by County Agent C. L. Beason

### A Much-Needed Rain.

Let us be thankful for the long-looked-for rain, providing ample stock water and making it possible for the farmers to begin their farming operations. Already we have, seemingly, lost too much time that should have been spent in fall preparation of land, experiences of the best farmers going to prove that fall preparation of land is always conducive to greater yields, and in addition to this advantage, there is also another advantage in that it distributes the labor necessary to make a crop over a greater period of the year and hence gives a better opportunity to do well the many things found to be done. Too many try to see how little work can be done to make a crop, rather than try to do well all necessary work.

### Lack of Common Honesty.

A. E. Thomas, Fort Worth banker, in speaking at the recent Banker-Farmer Congress at College Station, said, among other things, that our schools should teach "basic honesty and work." We are of the opinion that Mr. Thomas expressed a truth to which too little consideration is given now a days. The rugged honesty of our fathers is not the chief characteristic of our lives of today. Selfishness and greed, like a cancer worm, have gnawed mightily at the tenets of our fathers. Certainly in this day and time, when, on account of the mad rush of life and the changed condition of things, the home has been robbed of its former opportunity to impress and teach the principles of common honesty, as in the days of old, and upon the schools has fallen a task, and a mighty responsibility rests upon the teachers who are to lead afield your child and mine.

### Examine Terraces Early.

Look your terraces over for weak or broken places and see that such are quickly mended. A weak or broken terrace may do much damage, besides failing to catch washings at the very places where most needed. Failure to open up outlets of terraces may cause breaks in the best of built terraces. Remember, a terrace, like a chain, is no stronger than its weakest place. Look them over again and again.

### "Bean" Farming.

Old Si Silver was a peculiar duck. Farmed with his bean and had darned good luck; The folks round about worked and tried— But here's Si's secret—he diversified.—Banker-Farmer.

### Formula for Acquiring Wealth.

Community Progress quotes E. C. Nelson, City National Bank, of York, Nebraska, as saying, among other essentials in the acquisition of wealth.

## Mrs. J. B. Hood Writes of Texas Brigade Reunion in June, 1924, and Also of Her Visit to Bryan

(Editors Note—The following is an account of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hood and their son, John B., the third, to Bryan last June to attend the 53rd annual reunion of Hood's Texas Brigade in this, the permanent convention city for this organization. The Hoods reside at Matagorda Plantation, Jones-town, Mississippi. Mrs. Hood, northern by birth and Southern by choice and by principles, has sent as Christmas gifts a small bound booklet telling of their trip to Bryan last June. J. B. Hood is the son of the famous Confederate general who is eulogized at each annual reunion of the veterans of this brigade.)  
Our recent trip to Texas, returning via New Orleans, for many reasons was extremely interesting. First and foremost because of the real reason of the trip—the fifty-third annual reunion of Hood's Texas Brigade. This remnant of what was once a glorious, valiant, heroic army, not only the pride of Texas, but of the whole Confederate army, have come together every year for fifty years to pay homage and respect to their gallant, brave commander, General John B. Hood, and also to renew old friendships, to clasp the hands of their old comrades-in-arms and to fight over again many of their battles and to exchange with each other from their wonderful storehouse of memories bits of forgotten history, anecdotes, some humorous, some pathetic, but tender memories cherished by all.  
Then there was the splendid opportunity to see the crops in four states—Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana—and, furthermore, the opportunity at last presented itself to visit Galveston and see the wonderful sea wall constructed since the tragic disaster of 1900. This wall saved Galveston from a similar fate in 1915, when the spray went over 100 feet in the air and part of the wall was destroyed.  
Taking the 5 p. m. train for Memphis, arriving there about 8 p. m., we found the crops between here and Memphis in good shape; clean stands, much improved from what they were on a recent visit to Memphis.  
**Texas Soils and Crops.**  
Leaving Memphis late that night over the Sunshine Special, Missouri Pacific, we were still in Arkansas when we awoke in the morning, having passed through Little Rock in the night and arriving at Texarkana in the morning, part of our train going on to Dallas and Fort Worth, we continuing on to Valley Junction, where we changed cars for Bryan, arriving there about 6 p. m. All day, from early morning till late that night, we traveled along a bed of beautiful wild flowers, white, yellow and lavender. The cotton is very much behind that in our section, corn did not seem as good, nor was there as much of it as we have in this neighborhood. The character of the soil is so very different in different places; in some places pure white sandy soil, other places brick red, and in the Trinity and Brazos valleys dark, rich, black soil like the Delta.  
Texas still has her fine tracts of woods; there is not the reckless destruction of forest going on there as there is in Mississippi. About noon, while having lunch, we crossed the Trinity river, which causes so much damage by overflowing around Dallas and Houston.  
The soil in this river basin and surrounding overflowed country is dark, like our Delta, and the crops in this vicinity are fine—cotton, perfect stand and over two feet high, plenty of blooms; plenty of corn, but saw almost no oats or wheat, and expecting to find much land in soy beans, I saw none. The gorgeous wild flowers are everywhere, and both sides of the track nearly all the way the beautiful black-eyed susan nods and sways in the breeze.  
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Man has always thrilled to these original scenes of glory, as they speak the symbolic language of Gods love and promise—even as the rainbow spoke in the days of old. Often has the writer thrilled to the ecstasies of natural beauty, the blending of color in a gorgeous sunset, and the riotous banners of wild flowers on a hillside; but seldom has she witnessed anything more gorgeous or hypnotic than the reflection of the Municipal Christmas tree on the wet pavement.

The sun on the white sand one could almost imagine oneself in the tropics. Arriving in Bryan (about 8,000 inhabitants), introductions began immediately, many veterans and their friends having already arrived, although the regular program does not begin until tomorrow.  
**Bryan's Country Club.**  
Miss Katie Daffin of Ennis is the life secretary of the brigade and is the idol of all the veterans. General Felix Robertson of Waco, one of the two surviving generals of the Confederacy, was also there. It was good to see him again after our pleasant visit together in Memphis at the reunion there in June. For fifty years these old veterans of Hood's Texas Brigade have been gathering together every year, and with one exception, which was quite accidental, this was the first time that any of General Hood's family had been present. No wonder we received a royal welcome! How these men loved their gallant commander, for you were hardly introduced until they began to tell you about their beloved commander. As a blessed relief from the heat of the day came the auto ride around the city with Mayor and Mrs. Haswell.

The Country Club, just recently finished, is a beautiful large building with a spacious ball room that any city twice the size of Bryan might justly be proud of. On the grounds of the Country Club and very near to it is the large swimming pool where all Bryan, young and old, come in the evening to visit or enjoy a swim. It is a great meeting place for the young, who after their swim enjoy the ball room. About six miles out from Bryan is the famous A. and M. College, one of the largest in the country. The handsome buildings, a great many of simple Greek architecture, are clustered near the entrance gate and during school term present a picture of great activity. The grounds comprise about 2,500 acres.  
During vacation most of the buildings are closed, but there were a few lights in the dormitories. During the session 2,000 men are fed three times a day in the large dining room. A gay social life also exists between the College and Bryan during the season. Every minute of the two days' reunion was filled from early morning till late at night. The exercises were held at the auditorium of the library.  
The morning exercises opened with a call to order by the commander of the brigade, Captain Roberts, followed by an address of welcome by Mayor Tyler Haswell, who paid a tribute to the veterans for their bravery and loyalty, welcoming the Hoods to Bryan, and at the close of his address introduced Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, managing editor of the Bryan Daily Eagle. Her address to these veterans I thought was one of the most touching of all those made. It was so sincere, so from the heart, and given in a tone and manner that left no doubt as to the deep feelings that prompted her stirring words. There were many interesting addresses from the Chamber of Commerce, from the Daughters of the Confederacy, from many individuals. Captain Roberts turned the meeting over to Miss Daffin, who with charm and efficiency proved an able presiding officer. Miss Daffin has been honored by the old veterans, who love her so devotedly, by being selected as life secretary of Hood's Brigade. She is a very talented woman, a great writer, been president of the D. A. R. of Texas, besides holding many other positions in Texas clubs. Presentations of the Hoods, who were called upon for words.  
(To Be Continued.)

**HARRY WILLIAMS AND JOHNNY KONECNY OF BRYAN ARE MENTIONED**  
Bryan high school received mention in football circles when football critics of the state picked the three or four leading teams of the state as shown through the Interscholastic League. There were over 300 teams entered in this league and something over 3,000 football players, yet in the first 25 to 30, two Bryan high school players get rewarded for their efforts, Harry Williams getting a berth at guard on Jinx Tucker's third team and John Konecny winning an end on the fourth team picked by Bogges, Waco high school scout. Jinx also mentioned Konecny as a brilliant end and deserving of special mention. Lynton Bogges also gave particular mention to the playing of Konecny.

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of Main street Monday night. No artists palette e'er witnessed a more brilliant display of the primary rays of light. Dazzlingly beautiful, like magic flames of blue and gold and red, shading exquisitely into green and orange and the more subdued tints of mauve and rose; a path of splendor stretched its length for blocks down every street from the tree; recalling as the motorist approached its source, bewitching, entrancing illusionary.  
Did you see it? Did you thrill to its splendor? Or were you merely an unfortunate individual forced by some trivial necessity to leave the warmth of your own fireside?  
Even the heart touched by sorrow, loveliness or despair must have caught its beauty and been cheered by the glow and glimmer of that flaming path.  
The picture painted so casually and so beautifully where tomorrow's sun will show only drab and almost sordid pavement, might well symbolize much to the people of Bryan.

## FAMILY REUNION IS BEING HELD AT HOME T. B. WOOD, COLLEGE AVE

(From Saturday's Daily)  
A happy family reunion is being enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wood on College road during the Christmas season. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turner, of Mount Pleasant, parents of Mrs. Wood, have recently moved to Bryan to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and the following members of the family are spending the holidays here, enjoying a reunion: Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Turner and two little nephews from Longbranch; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hurt, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Griffin and children, Groveton; Mr. and Mrs. Gaines T. Wallace, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Walton, and family, College Station; Mr. and Mrs. George T. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Wallace, all of Bryan.

## FRIENDS CONGRATULATE THE MCKENZIE'S ON ARRIVAL OF DAUGHTER, MISS MARY WORTH

(From Saturday's Daily)  
The many friends of County Attorney and Mrs. Oak McKenzie are today extending congratulations on the arrival in their home at 2 o'clock this morning of a baby daughter, whom they have named "Mary Worth." The mother is reported getting along nicely, as well as the little daughter. Mother and daughter are both in Bryan Hospital.

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**M. H. JAMES DRUG CO.**  
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Perhaps the trouble is Eczema. Heiskell's Ointment will heal it just as effectively as it does less serious skin trouble. At your Druggist and for a sample, Johnston, Holloway & Co., Philada.  
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Watch for symptoms of worms in your children. These parasites are the great destroyers of child life. If you have reason to think your child has worms, act quickly. Give the little one a dose of two of White's Cream Vermifuge. Worms cannot exist where this time-tested and successful remedy is used. It drives out the worms and restores the rosy hue of health to baby cheeks. Price 35c. Sold by  
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# BLUE RIBBON FORTY REPEATS 1922 VICTORY---MASON COUNTY SECOND

Honor Comes to Enterprising Club Because of the Community Interest and Backing of Members and Work of Boys' and Girls' Club—Prizes Total Nearly Thousand Dollars, Including Delco Plant

The Edge "Blue Ribbon Forty" boys' and girls' club is the peer of all clubs in Texas, and they number in the hundreds. The Flag of Victory and the Honor of State Championship goes to this little, enterprising Brazos County Club, victor in the Agricultural Community Club work of Texas, sponsored by the Extension Service Department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. This is the second time in the history of the organization of this club that Edge has carried off the laurels, the first time being in 1922, the year after its organization, when it was formed as the "Blue Ribbon Forty" with aspirations and determination voiced in the name and carried to successful completion as shown by the results. Last year they lost first place to Mason county by the small margin of less than half of one per cent but returned this year to defeat Mason county, the runner-up again, by a wider margin of 1.2 per cent. Other scores are listed below for each of the nine districts in the state of Texas.

## LIST OF WINNERS.

(Special to Bryan Daily Eagle)

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 30.—

The winners of the thousand dollars in prizes in the Farm and Ranch contest for the best Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Community Clubs in each of the nine districts in Texas being conducted under the auspices of the Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas, have been announced by T. O. Walton, Director of Extension Service as follows: District 2, Edge Community, Brazos County. Grade, 94.6. District 8, Peter's Prairie Community, Mason County. Grade 93.4. District 7, Dieburg Community, Jackson County. Grade, 91.5. District 1, Dessau Community, Travis County. Grade, 85.3. District 4, Tryon Community, Gregg County. Grade 85. District 6, Sunset Community, Kerr County. Grade, 77. District 9, Karpersville, Stephens County. Grade, 76.5. District 3, Lakeview Community, Hale County. Grade, 69.3. District 5, Meridian Community, Bosque County. Grade 67.2. There were a large number of entries from other counties which made excellent records, but did not reach the prize-winning notch.

## Score Card Used.

This contest was started January 1st 1924, and was inaugurated by the magnanimous offer of Col. Frank P. Holland, publisher of Farm and Ranch of prizes totaling \$1,000, to encourage community club activity. This prize money was divided into quotas of \$100.00 for the nine districts of Texas as operated by the Extension Service, and an additional \$100 for the State winner.

Only joint Boys' and Girls' organizations having not less than five club members working on the same project were allowed to compete. As a basis of making the awards the following card was used for judging agricultural clubs: Percentage of enrollment, 5; percentage of attendance at regular meetings, 15; percentage of record books submitted, 20; average grade of record books submitted, 20; percentage of complete project exhibits at club show, 20; report of secretary (this record book), 20. Total, 100.

Edge community in Brazos County also won the extra \$100 which had been offered for the community making the highest record. This money to be paid in cash. The plan of selecting the prizes as decided upon, was that the winning club of each district should select a committee composed of two members of the local club, the club leader, and one man and one woman residing in the local community, and this committee is to select any community equipment which they see fit up to the value of \$100.

## Raised Aspirations.

Three years ago the club was organized by P. S. Mangum, principal of the Edge school. They say now that when they organized they felt that winning the first place in the county would be some honor. But after they had been organized four months, their leader, Mr. Mangum, came back from a trip over the state where he had been measuring the work done by other clubs and told his club that they could win State Championship is they worked hard enough. As the first step in the program they mapped out, the club got its name, "Blue Ribbon Forty". This was a daring thing to do, for the very name "Blue Ribbon" means first winner. But, the club has not only lived up to the name but they have written plus to this. Last year is the only year within their history that the club has not won first place in the State. Last year they were second winners, at that, being only about one half of one per cent behind the Commercial Club of Mason county who were the State winners.

## BRYAN-COLLEGE INTERURBAN IS OUT OF COMMISSION FOR THE TIME BEING

For several days there has been trouble with the rotary converter of the Bryan-College Traction Co. used to operate the interurban cars between Bryan and College. This morning, while a force of the Traction Company was attempting to rectify the trouble, the armature of the rotary converter burned out. The scattered lead and other material in all directions. The company will be unable to continue the usual interurban service until the latter part of the week when repairs have been made on the equipment sent to Houston today for that purpose. Meanwhile the company is operating busses between the stations of Bryan and College and taking care of the light traffic during the holiday vacation season.

## MRS. J. N. GOODWIN IS ELECTED HEAD OF CHURCH FEDERATION

The Brazos Federation of Church Societies held its regular quarterly meeting Monday afternoon at the Christian church, the ladies of that church having charge of the program.

In spite of extremely inclement weather the attendance was good and every church in the Federation was represented. The interior of the church, still resplendent in holiday decorations, was well heated and those assembled gave no thought to the gloom and pouring rain that prevailed without. After a brief devotional service, Mrs. A. L. Page spoke in her inimitable manner on "Service in the Christian Life," bringing a message appropriate to the New Year season.

The business session was of unusual importance since it involved the selection of officers for the coming year. Mrs. J. N. Goodwin was chosen president; Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, vice president at large, and Mrs. C. B. Thompson, secretary-treasurer.

The appointments of Mrs. D. C. DeMaret and Mrs. Edgar Buchanan as vice presidents from the Episcopal and Christian churches were approved and confirmed by the Federation. Other churches have not yet chosen their representatives for the coming year.

Proper action was taken to approve affiliation with the "Council of Women for Home Missions and Federation of Women's Board of Foreign Missions of North America." Announcement was made of tentative date grouped near January 15, when Dr. Eugene W. Potter of Corsicana, formerly pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Waxahachie, will be invited to address the citizens of Bryan, explaining the plan of the "Week Day Bible School," it being successfully conducted in Waxahachie in connection with the public school system. Dr. Potter was one of the originators and founders of the plan there.

The Federation has been joined in this invitation by the larger organized Bible classes of the city and Dr. Potter's address should be of more than passing interest to the Christian forces of Bryan and its vicinity.

The next quarterly meeting of the Federation will fall on March 30. The program will be under the auspices of the Episcopal guild. At that time annual reports will be rendered and the newly elected officers will take charge of the affairs of the organization.

## ONE AND SIX-TENTHS INCHES OF RAIN FELL SINCE 4 P. M. SUNDAY

The government rain gauge maintained by the Eagle Printing Company at its local office, shows that the rainfall between 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and 8 o'clock Tuesday morning amounted to 1.6 inches, the rain throughout the entire period falling lightly and intermittently. During last night was the heaviest precipitation.

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## Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT

and it relieved me. "About eight years ago my wife got down with liver and stomach trouble. We tried all week to help her, but she didn't get any better. One day I said to the doctor, 'I believe I will try Black-Draught, it helps my liver.' He said that I might try it and to follow directions. She was nauseated and couldn't eat or rest. She began taking Black-Draught and in two days she was greatly improved and in a week she was up."

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## CITY MANAGER J. B. MILLER AND WIFE RETURN FROM VISIT AT HENDERSON TEX.

J. Bryan Miller, city manager of Bryan and Mrs. Miller returned to Bryan Sunday afternoon on the I-G. N. from Henderson, Texas, where they spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Arnold. Mrs. Miller, happened to the misfortune of rather badly scalding her foot one day last week while still painful, it is rapidly healing.

## DORIS HOPKINS, AGED SIX, FATALLY BURNED SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Doris, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Hopkins of Reliance community, died last evening at 8:30 o'clock as a result of having been fatally burned on Saturday afternoon. The children were burning leaves and trash in the dooryard Saturday and Doris' clothing caught, she being seriously burned before the flames were extinguished. Funeral services were held at Reliance church afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. J. J. Tatum in charge. Interment will follow in the Reliance cemetery. Besides the parents the child is survived by one brother, Otis Hopkins, Jr., four sisters, Misses Mae, Thelma, Neville and Hester Hopkins, all of Reliance.

## CHARLEY OPERSTENY AND LUKE PATRONELLA OPEN CAMPUS GROCERY

The new brick building of Oran Boyett at College Station on the site of the buildings burned about a year ago, this side of the College grounds, has two rooms, one of which is occupied by James Drug Store No. 3 and other will be occupied by the Campus Grocery Store, which will be open for business on the morning of January 2, under the management of Charley Opersteny and Luke Patronella, experienced for several years in the grocery business.

This new grocery will give another service in this line to people of College, a service that will deliver groceries to Campus homes and to people who live in that section. Both the proprietors of the Campus Grocery formerly worked for Boyett at College and for the past year or more have been employed at the C. L. Eden Grocery in Bryan. They know the line of business in which they are about to engage and know the College trade which augurs well for the success of the venture from the very beginning.

## TWENTY-NINE GUESTS AT DR. OLIVER HOME FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

With his own family of four, there were twenty-nine near relatives gathered together at the Dr. W. H. Oliver home on Friday night, greatly enjoying the reunion and much pleasure was given by the different members of the party.

Master B. O. McClain, 8 years old, played a difficult piece with rare skill and little Curtis Oliver, 3-year old, sang, "It ain't a-Gonna Rain No Mo," with a voice unusual in one so young. Those present were: E. T. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hundley, Sr. and Mrs. C. B. Oliver and two sons, Boice Boyd and Curtis Allan, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. McClain, Mr. Henry G. Womble, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Womble and two sons, Judson and Hubert of Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perkins and daughter, Dorothy of Gonzales, Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp Williams and daughter, Pauline of Yazoo City, Miss, Mr. and Mrs. James Webb and Miss Noble Webb, of Bryan.

## "MUSIC OF RUSSIA" THEME TEXAS CLUB IN NEW YORK CITY

(By Mary K. Brooks). NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—"The Music of Russia" was the theme chosen by Mattie D. Willis of Waco for the program for the December meeting of the Texas Club of New York, and the theme, the keen insight of Mrs. Willis into the spirit of Russian music, as well as the brilliant manner in which the program was given served to make one of the most interesting events in the club's history. Mrs. Willis spoke of the peasant as creator of songs upon which the music of classical and modern Russian composers is based; of Glinka, founder of Russian national opera; of Anton Rubenstein, founder of systematic musical education in Russia; Tchaikowsky, founder of Russian symphony and symphonic forms; of Balakirev, Cui, Bordin, Moussorgsky, Rimsky-Kosakoff and of Scribner and Rachmanioff, representing the new age. Each of those subthemes was illustrated with characteristic compositions, presented by Mrs. Willis and several other interesting Texans. Manly Price Boons of Houston, an always delightful tenor, gave the Volga Boat Song and other Russian folk songs.

## JUSTICE COURT HELD SHORT SESSION OVER SOME MINOR CASES

A charge of disturbing the peace was filed this morning against Lonnie Williams, negro, Bryan. The case has been set for 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

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## OF INTEREST IN BRYAN

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## MRS. GLADYS MARTIN OF HOSPITAL ON MONDAY

The sad death of Mrs. Gladys Porter Martin, which occurred at a local hospital Monday afternoon, cast a gloom over the gay Christmas season, as sympathetic hearts responded to hearts broken and bleeding. On Christmas day a dear little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, and named for the young mother, "Gladys." Mother and babe were doing nicely, and on Monday morning the father, Homer Martin, went by hospital to say goodbye to the mother and babe before leaving for Frameville, their old home, taking the little three year old son, Homer, Jr., to stay with the grandmother while Mrs. Martin and the babe were in the hospital. Cheerful and happy, goodbyes were said, and they took their departure. In a short time after her husband left the hospital, Mrs. Martin was taken with convulsions, and died in less than an hour after she was thus stricken. Telephone messages overtook the husband and brought him back to a scene of unspeakable grief, which but a few minutes before had been one of happiness and joy.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Porter of Frameville. During the past year Mr. and Mrs. Martin had resided at the plantation home of Earl Porter in the Brazos Bottom, and came to Bryan just before Christmas. The body was prepared for burial by the McCulloch-Gordon Co., and removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Williams, friends of the family, where services were held, before the arrival of the I-G. N. train this morning. The funeral will be held at Frameville, and interment made in the family burying ground there. Mrs. Jim Jones of this city accompanied the members of the immediate family on their sorrowful journey to Frameville.

Mrs. Martin is survived by an infant daughter and small son, her father, W. B. Porter of Rockdale; her husband, H. A. Martin of Gause; three sisters, Mrs. B. G. Jackson of San Marcos, Mrs. W. H. Bain of Port Arthur, and Mrs. C. E. Black of Caldwell, and four brothers, W. C. Porter and J. W. Porter of Caldwell, L. A. Porter of Port Arthur, and C. C. Porter of Minerva.

## TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK AS RECORDED BY A-M. DIVISION OF ENTOMOLOGY

The following figures are furnished by the Division of Entomology of the A. and M. College, F. L. Thomas, chief of the division, with regard to the temperatures recorded on their standard thermometer last week:

Day	Minimum	Maximum
Monday	33	43
Tuesday	32	45
Wednesday	23	34
Thursday	20	36
Friday	20	45
Saturday	20	51
Sunday	20	35

## ALLAN FULLER SENDS PRAISE FOR ACTION OF BRYAN GOOD CHEER

"To the Editor of the Bryan Daily Eagle: Madam: In the issue of December 13, 1924, I have just read of the organization of the Colored Good Cheer Association. I suppose to the people of Bryan it was a mere item of local interest. But it is more than that. It carries a larger significance in its message than is to be found in most political addresses, nay, than in many sermons to be heard from the pulpit. The actuating principle should be studied by Christians, so-called, who quicken their wits in verbal combat over the relative value of valueless precept and dogma.

"The religious world is teeming with the latter to the detriment of the Christian church. It is refreshing to note that in its midst there are some who have caught that larger vision of Christ's teaching—the Brotherhood of Man—and are willing to be actuated by it.

## A Red-Letter Day.

"The inter-racial problem in your city has taken another advancing step towards its final solution. It is laudable that the friendly right hand of fellowship was extended by the white man to his darker-hued brother and creditable to the latter that it was accepted.

"December 13, 1924, stands as a red letter day in the history of Bryan, Texas. It is deserving of a lengthy comment on the editorial page of the Bryan Daily Eagle. I, for one, will be happy to read it. ALLAN C. FULLER, Buffalo, New York."

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## TEN YEAR OLD CLOVIS BRYANT OF HEARNE DIED AT BRYAN HOSPITAL SUNDAY

Clovis Bryant, aged 10 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Bryant, of Hearne died Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in a local hospital, following an illness of three weeks. Besides the parents, he is survived by one brother, J. D. Bryant, and one sister, Dollie Bryant, both of Hearne. The father is an employee of the Humble Oil Co., at Hearne. The body was sent over the H. & T. C. Sunday night to Hearne by the McCulloch-Gordon Co., funeral directors, where funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Norwood Cemetery at Hearne.

## FORMER BRYAN BOY GETS PROMOTION AND WILL MAKE HOME IN AUSTIN

Conn Gibbs is leaving today for Austin following a holiday visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gibbs. Conn has been making his home in Tyler for the past year or so, where he established the branch office of the Hicks Tire and Rubber Company and goes to Austin as manager for a branch office there for the same company. Manager for the Austin office means a promotion both in responsibility and salary. It is always with pleasure that Bryan learns of the success of her sons and daughters.

## SON OF LEONARD McDONALD OF MACY DIED SUNDAY AT HOME IN DALLAS

Leonard McDonald of Macy was called to Dallas Sunday on account of the death of his son, Henry McDonald, whose death was caused by acute indigestion, the end coming within 15 minutes of the time he was stricken.

## HENRY HODGES DIED AT HOME AT COLLEGE ON SUNDAY MORNING

Henry Hodges, aged 77 years, 11 months and 5 days, died at College at the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. Guy Hall at Steep Hollow. Her two sisters, who are away at school, are spending the week at home, and Mrs. N. L. McCullough, of Bryan, another sister, went out for Sunday at home, making a pleasant reunion. Miss Kate Hall returns this week to C. I. A. Denton, where she is a student, and Miss Rebecca Hall to Somerville, where she is a teacher in the schools at that place.

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## DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

B. F. K. Mullins, a member of the faculty of the University of Arkansas, at Fayetteville, is spending the Christmas season in Bryan as the guest of friends. Mr. Mullins was formerly a teacher at A. and M. College of Texas and during the time of his connection with that institution made his home in Bryan, where he made many friends who welcome him on his present visit.

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# BLUE RIBBON FORTY REPEATS 1922 VICTORY---MASON COUNTY SECOND

Honor Comes to Enterprising Club Because of the Community Interest and Backing of Members and Work of Boys' and Girls' Club—Prizes Total Nearly Thousand Dollars, Including Delco Plant

The Edge "Blue Ribbon Forty" boys' and girls' club is the peer of all clubs in Texas, and they number in the hundreds. The Flag of Victory and the Honor of State Championship goes to this little, enterprising Brazos County Club, victor in the Agricultural Community Club work of Texas, sponsored by the Extension Service Department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. This is the second time in the history of the organization of this club that Edge has carried off the laurels, the first time being in 1922, the year after its organization, when it was formed as the "Blue Ribbon Forty" with aspirations and determination voiced in the name and carried to successful completion as shown by the results. Last year they lost first place to Mason county by the small margin of less than half of one per cent but returned this year to defeat Mason county, the runner-up again, by a wider margin of 1.2 per cent. Other scores are listed below for each of the nine districts in the state of Texas.

## LIST OF WINNERS.

(Special to Bryan Daily Eagle.)

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 30.

The winners of the thousand dollars in prizes in the Farm and Ranch contest for the best Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Community Clubs in each of the nine districts in Texas being conducted under the auspices of the Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas, have been announced by T. O. Walton, Director of Extension Service as follows: District 2, Edge Community, Brazos County, Grade, 94.6. District 8, Peter's Prairie Community, Mason county, Grade 93.4. District 7, Dieutsburg Community, Jackson County, Grade, 91.5. District 1, Dessau Community, Travis County, Grade, 85.3. District 4, Tryon Community, Gregg County, Grade 85. District 6, Sunset Community, Kerr County, Grade, 77. District 9, Karpersville, Stephens County, Grade, 76.5. District 3, Lakeview Community, Hale County, Grade, 69.3. District 5, Meridian Community, Bosque County, Grade 67.2. There were a large number of entries from other counties which made excellent records but did not reach the prize-winning notch.

## Score Card Used.

This contest was started January 1st 1924, and was inaugurated by the magnificent offer of Col. Frank P. Holland, publisher of Farm and Ranch of prizes totaling \$1,000, to encourage community club activity. This prize money was divided into quotas of \$100.00 for the nine districts of Texas as operated by the Extension Service, and an additional \$100 for the State winner.

Only joint Boys' and Girls' organizations having not less than five club members working on the same project were allowed to compete. As a basis of making the awards the following card was used for judging agricultural clubs: Percentage of enrollment, 5; percentage of attendance at regular meetings, 15; percentage of record books submitted, 20; average grade of record books submitted, 20; percentage of complete project exhibits at club show, 20; report of secretary (this record book), 20. Total, 100.

Edge community in Brazos County also won the extra \$100 which had been offered for the community making the highest record. This money to be paid in cash. The plan of selecting the prizes as decided upon, was that the winning club of each district should select a committee composed of two members of the local club, the club leader, and one man and one woman residing in the local community, and this committee is to select any community equipment which they see fit up to the value of \$100.

## Raised Aspirations.

Three years ago the club was organized by P. S. Mangum, principal of the Edge school. They say now that when they organized they felt that winning the first place in the county would be some honor. But after they had been organized four months, their leader, Mr. Mangum, came back from a trip over the state where he had been measuring the work done by other clubs and told his club that they could win State Championship if they worked hard enough. As the first step in the program they mapped out the club got its name, "Blue Ribbon Forty". This was a daring thing to do, for the very name "Blue Ribbon" means first winner. But, the club has not lived up to the name but they have written plus to this. Last year is the only year within their history that the club has not won first place in the State. Last year they were second winners, at that, being only about one half of one per cent behind the Commercial Club of Mason county who were the State winners.

## BRYAN-COLLEGE INTERURBAN IS OUT OF COMMISSION FOR THE TIME BEING

For several days there has been trouble with the rotary converter of the Bryan-College Traction Co. used to operate the interurban cars between Bryan and College. This morning, while a force of the Traction Company was attempting to rectify the trouble, the armature of the rotary converter burned out and scattered lead and other material in all directions. The company will be unable to continue the usual interurban service until the latter part of the week when repairs have been made on the equipment sent to Houston today for that purpose. Meanwhile the company is operating busses between the stations of Bryan and College and taking care of the light traffic during the holiday vacation season.

## MRS. J. N. GOODWIN IS ELECTED HEAD OF CHURCH FEDERATION

The Brazos Federation of Church Societies held its regular quarterly meeting Monday afternoon at the Christian church, the ladies of that church having charge of the program.

In spite of extremely inclement weather the attendance was good and every church in the Federation was represented. The interior of the church, still resplendent in holiday decorations, was well heated and those assembled gave no thought to the gloom and pouring rain that prevailed without. After a brief devotional service, Mrs. A. L. Page spoke in her inimitable manner on "Service in the Christian Life," bringing a message appropriate to the New Year season.

The business session was of unusual importance since it involved the selection of officers for the coming year. Mrs. J. N. Goodwin was chosen president; Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, vice president at large; and Mrs. C. B. Thompson, secretary-treasurer.

The appointments of Mrs. D. C. DeMaret and Mrs. Edgar Buchanan as vice presidents from the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches were approved and confirmed by the Federation. Other churches have not yet chosen their representatives for the coming year.

Proper action was taken to approve affiliation with the "Council of Women for Home Missions and Federation of Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of North America." Announcement was made of tentative date grouped near January 15, when Dr. Eugene W. Potter of Corsicana, formerly pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Waxahachie, will be invited to address the citizens of Bryan, explaining the plan of the "Week Day Bible School," it being successfully conducted in Waxahachie in connection with the public school system. Dr. Potter was one of the originators and founders of the plan there.

The Federation has been joined in this invitation by the larger organization of Bible classes of the city and Dr. Potter's address should be of more than passing interest to the Christian forces of Bryan and its vicinity.

The next quarterly meeting of the Federation will fall on March 30. The program will be under the auspices of the Episcopal guild. At that time annual reports will be rendered and the newly elected officers will take charge of the affairs of the organization.

## ONE AND SIX-TENTHS INCHES OF RAIN FELL SINCE 4 P. M. SUNDAY

The government rain gauge maintained by the Eagle Printing Company at its local office, shows that the rainfall between 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and 8 o'clock Tuesday morning amounted to 1.6 inches, the rain throughout the entire period falling lightly and intermittently. During last night was the heaviest precipitation.

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## Blinding Headaches

"For about twenty years," says Mr. P. A. Walker, a well-known citizen of Newburg, Ky., "one of our family remedies has been Black-Draught, the old reliable. I use it for colds, biliousness, sour stomach and indigestion. I was subject to headaches when my liver would get out of order. I would have blinding headaches and couldn't stoop about my work, just couldn't go. I used

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and it relieved me. "About eight years ago my wife got down with liver and stomach trouble. We tried all week to help her, but she didn't get any better. One day I said to the doctor, 'I believe I will try Black-Draught, it helps my liver.' He said that I might try it and to follow directions. She was nauseated and couldn't eat or rest. She began taking Black-Draught and in two days she was greatly improved and in a week she was up." "Try Black-Draught. It costs only one cent a dose. Sold everywhere. E-99

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## CITY MANAGER J. B. MILLER AND WIFE RETURN FROM VISIT AT HENDERSON TEX.

J. Bryan Miller, city manager of Bryan and Mrs. Miller returned to Bryan Sunday afternoon on the L-G. N. from Henderson, Texas, where they spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Arnold. Mrs. Miller, happened to the misfortune of rather badly scalding her foot one day last week while still painful, it is rapidly healing.

## DORIS HOPKINS, AGED SIX, FATALLY BURNED SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Doris, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Hopkins of Reliance community, died last evening at 8:30 o'clock as a result of having been fatally burned on Saturday afternoon. The children were burning leaves and trash in the dooryard Saturday and Doris' clothing caught, she being seriously burned before the flames were extinguished. Funeral services were held at Reliance this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. J. J. Tatum in charge. Interment will follow in the Reliance cemetery. Beside the parents the child is survived by one brother, Otis Hopkins, Jr., four sisters, Misses Mae, Thelma, Neville and Hester Hopkins, all of Reliance.

## CHARLEY OPERSTENY AND LUKE PATRONELLA OPEN CAMPUS GROCERY

The new brick building of Oran Boyett at College Station on the site of the buildings burned about a year ago, this side of the College grounds, has two rooms, one of which is occupied by James Drug Store No. 3 and other will be occupied by the Campus Grocery Store, which will be open for business on the morning of January 2, under the management of Charley Opersteny and Luke Patronella, experienced for several years in the grocery business.

This new grocery will give another service in this line to people of College, a service that will deliver groceries to Campus homes and to people who live in that section. Both the proprietors of the Campus Grocery formerly worked for Boyett at College and for the past year or more have been employed at the C. L. Eden Grocery in Bryan. They know the line of business in which they are about to engage and know the College trade which augurs well for the success of the venture from the very beginning.

## TWENTY-NINE GUESTS AT DR. OLIVER HOME FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

With his own family of four, there were twenty-nine near relatives gathered together at the Dr. W. H. Oliver home on Friday night, greatly enjoying the reunion and much pleasure was given by the music and songs rendered by the different members of the party. Master B. O. McClain, 8 years old, played a difficult piece with rare skill and little Curtis Oliver, 3-year old, sang, "It ain't a-Gonna Rain No Mo," with a voice unusual in one so young. Those present were: E. T. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hundley, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Oliver and two sons, Boice Boyd and Curtis Allan, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. McClain, Mr. Henry G. Womble, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Womble and two sons, Judson and Hubert of Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perkins and daughter, Dorothy of Gonzales, Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp Williams and daughter, Pauline of Yazoo City, Miss, Mr. and Mrs. James Webb and Miss Noble Webb, of Bryan.

## "MUSIC OF RUSSIA" THEME TEXAS CLUB IN NEW YORK CITY

(By Mary K. Brooks). NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—"The Music of Russia" was the theme chosen by Mattie D. Willis of Waco for the program for the December meeting of the Texas Club of New York, and the theme, the keen insight of Mrs. Willis into the spirit of Russian music, as well as the brilliant manner in which the program was given served to make one of the most distinctively interesting events in the club's history. Mrs. Willis spoke of the peasant as creator of songs upon which the music of classical and modern Russian composers is based; of Glinka, founder of Russian national opera; of Anton Rubenstein, founder of systematic musical education in Russia; of Tchaikowsky, founder of Russian symphony and symphonic forms; of Balakirev, Cui, Bordin, Moussorgsky, Rimsky-Kosakoff and of Scribbine and Rachmanioff, representing the new age. Each of those subthemes was illustrated with characteristic compositions, presented by Mrs. Willis and several other interesting Texans. Manly Price Boone of Houston, an always delightful tenor, gave the Volga Boat Song and other Russian folk songs.

## Ovation of Appreciation.

Miss Winifred Earl of Waco and Miss Helen Shay of Galveston, student artists, with Mrs. Willis, gave brilliantly numbers by Rubenstein and Tchaikowsky. Miss Mary Lackland, born in Waco but now of Richmond, Va., who holds a Vailland music scholarship, gave a group of violin numbers. Mrs. Willis herself gave the difficult Borodin "Nocturne" and was at the first piano, with Miss Hazel Griggs of Houston at the second piano in rendering "Suite for Two Pianos," by Arensky. The enthusiastic appreciation of the program was almost an ovation.

## Justice Court Held Short Session Over Some Minor Cases

A charge of disturbing the peace was filed this morning against Lonnie Williams, negro, Bryan. The case has been set for 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Justice J. W. Hamilton, who has been quite ill with the flu, is slowly recuperating. He was down to hear a couple of cases but returned home immediately after they had been finished.

B. K. Robinson, negro, and Jack Barks, Mexican, were fined \$17.65 in justice court this morning before Judge J. W. Hamilton, when arraigned on a charge of drunkenness, the act of being drunk said to have been on last Saturday night.

## OF INTEREST IN BRYAN

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## MRS. GLADYS MARTIN OF GAUSE DIED IN HOSPITAL ON MONDAY

The sad death of Mrs. Gladys Porter Martin, which occurred at a local hospital Monday afternoon, cast a gloom over the gay Christmas season, as sympathetic hearts responded to hearts broken and bleeding. On Christmas day a dear little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, and named for the young mother, "Gladys." Mother and babe were doing nicely, and on Monday morning the father, Homer Martin, went by hospital to say goodbye to the mother and babe before leaving for Frameville, their old home, taking the little three year old son, Homer, Jr., to stay with the grandmother while Mrs. Martin and the babe were in the hospital. Cheerful and happy, goodbyes were said, and they took their departure. In a short time after her husband left the hospital, Mrs. Martin was taken with convulsions, and died in less than an hour after she was thus stricken. Telephone messages overtook the husband and brought him back to a scene of unspeakable grief, which but a few minutes before had been one of happiness and joy.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Porter of Frameville. During the past year Mr. and Mrs. Martin have resided at the plantation home of Earl Porter in the Brazos Bottom, and came to Bryan just before Christmas. The body was prepared for burial by the McCulloch-Gordon Co., and removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Williams, friends of the family, where services were held, before the arrival of the L-G. N. train this morning. The funeral will be held at Frameville, and interment made in the family burying ground there. Mrs. Jim Jones of this city accompanied the members of the immediate family on their sorrowful journey to Frameville.

Mrs. Martin is survived by an infant daughter and small son, her father, W. B. Porter of Rockdale; her husband, H. A. Martin of Gause; three sisters, Mrs. B. G. Jackson of San Marcos, Mrs. W. H. Bain of Port Arthur, and Mrs. E. C. Black of Caldwell, and four brothers, W. C. Porter and J. W. Porter of Caldwell, L. A. Porter of Port Arthur, and C. C. Porter of Minerva.

## TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK AS RECORDED BY A-M. DIVISION OF ENTOMOLOGY

The following figures are furnished by the Division of Entomology of the A. and M. College, F. L. Thomas, chief of the division, with regard to the temperatures recorded on their standard thermometer last week:

Day	Minimum	Maximum
Monday	33	43
Tuesday	32	45
Wednesday	23	34
Thursday	20	36
Friday	20	45
Saturday	20	51
Sunday	20	35

## ALLAN FULLER SENDS PRAISE FOR ACTION OF BRYAN GOOD CHEER

"To the Editor of the Bryan Daily Eagle: Madam: In the issue of December 13, 1924, I have just read of the organization of the Colored Good Cheer Association. I suppose to the people of Bryan it was a mere item of local interest. But it is more than that. It carries a larger significance in its message than is to be found in most political addresses, nay, than in many sermons to be heard from the pulpit. The actuating principle should be studied by Christians, so-called, who quicken their wits in verbal combat over the relative value of useless precept and dogma.

"The religious world is teeming with the latter to the detriment of the Christian church. It is refreshing to note that in its midst there are some who have caught that larger vision of Christ's teaching—the Brotherhood of Man—and are willing to be actuated by it.

A Red-Letter Day. "The inter-racial problem in your city has taken another advancing step towards its final solution. It is laudable that the friendly right hand of fellowship was extended by the white man to his darker-hued brother and creditable to the latter that it was accepted.

"December 13, 1924, stands as a red letter day in the history of Bryan, Texas. It is deserving of a lengthy comment on the editorial page of the Bryan Daily Eagle. I, for one, will be happy to read it. ALLAN C. FULLER, Buffalo, New York."

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## TEN YEAR OLD CLOVIS BRYANT OF HEARNE DIED AT BRYAN HOSPITAL SUNDAY

Clovis Bryant, aged 10 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Bryant of Hearne died Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in a local hospital, following an illness of three weeks. Besides the parents, he is survived by one brother, J. D. Bryant, and one sister, Dollie Bryant, both of Hearne. The father is an employee of the Humble Oil Co., at Hearne. The body was sent over the H. & T. C. Sunday night to Hearne by the McCulloch-Gordon Co., funeral directors, where funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Norwood Cemetery at Hearne.

## FORMER BRYAN BOY GETS PROMOTION AND WILL MAKE HOME IN AUSTIN

Conn Gibbs is leaving today for Austin following a holiday visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gibbs. Conn has been making his home in Tyler for the past year or so, where he established the branch office of the Hicks Tire and Rubber Company and goes to Austin as manager for a branch office there for the same company. Manager for the Austin office means a promotion both in responsibility and salary. It is always with pleasure that Bryan learns of the success of her sons and daughters.

## SON OF LEONARD McDONALD OF MACY DIED SUNDAY AT HOME IN DALLAS

Leonard McDonald of Macy was called to Dallas Sunday on account of the death of his son, Henry McDonald, whose death was caused by acute indigestion, the end coming within 15 minutes of the time he was stricken.

## HENRY HODGES DIED AT HOME AT COLLEGE ON SUNDAY MORNING

Henry Hodges, aged 77 years, 11 months and 5 days, died at College at 1 o'clock. Mr. Hodges was born in Mississippi on January 22, 1847. He came to Texas in 1870 and was a resident of Burleson county for a number of years. For the past three years he has been a resident of College Station. Funeral services were held in Caldwell Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, where the body was taken overland by the McCulloch-Gordon Co., undertakers, the services being conducted by Rev. W. H. Matthews of College. Burial was in the Caldwell cemetery. Mr. Hodges was an old Confederate soldier and fought in the Civil War. Besides the widow, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sallie Mae Myler of College and Mrs. Birdie Johnson of Houston, and two sons, H. M. Hodges of Taylor and Halsey Hodges of Houston, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral.

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Miss Adelle Hall spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hall at Steep Hollow. Her two sisters, who are away at school, are spending the week at home, and Mrs. N. L. McCulloch, of Bryan, another sister, went out for Sunday at home, making a pleasant reunion. Miss Kate Hall returns this week to C. I. A., Denton, where she is a student, and Miss Rebecca Hall to Somerville, where she is a teacher in the schools at that place.

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## DODGE SEDAN STOLEN FROM GEORGE HALSELL HOME SATURDAY NIGHT

Some time between 1 o'clock and 7 o'clock on Sunday morning, a Dodge sedan, type "B," leather upholstery, cross spring in rear and clock on dash, a used car belonging to the firm of Halsell Motor Company, was stolen from where it had been parked about 1 o'clock in front of the partners of the firm, who lives on College avenue. There is no clue to the culprits but it is thought that they were headed for Houston because another car, a Ford coupe, belonging to T. P. Boyett, was also stolen, but did not get quite to College before the gas gave out and it had to be abandoned. It is thought that the same parties returned to Bryan and stole the Halsell car afterward and resumed their journey toward Houston. No trace of the thieves had been heard early Monday morning.

## SYPTAK-BROACH WED

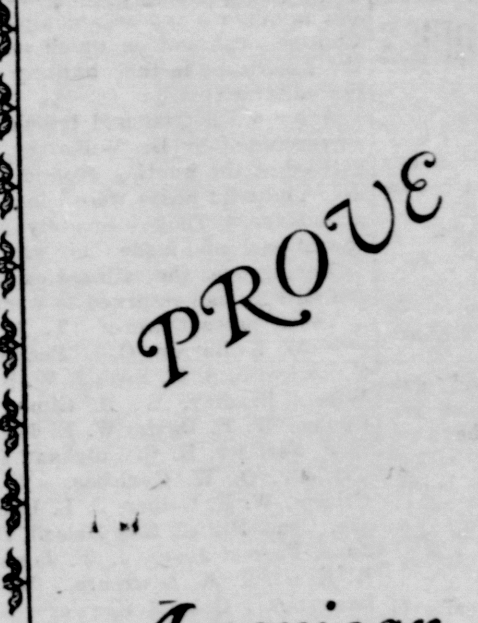
On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. Guy Ament on College Avenue in this city, Mr. Adolph Syptak and Miss Jewell Broach were united in marriage, Rev. Ament officiating. Only a few intimate friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the marriage, but, congratulations are none the less sincere on account of the fact that the approaching event was kept secret. The bride is the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Broach of this city and known and beloved by a large circle of friends. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Syptak of Wheelock and holds a responsible position in the First National Bank of Bryan. Mr. and Mrs. Syptak are at home to their friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Homes for the present.

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# L. D. AMSLER, HEMPSTEAD BANKER, FOUND DEAD BATHROOM THIS MORN

Wife Heard Pistol Shot and Rushed to Bathroom to Find Husband's Body with Bullet Wound in Head—Amsler Was One of Waller County's Most Prominent Citizens—Was County Treasurer.

(By Associated Press)  
HEMPSTEAD, Dec. 29.—L. D. Amsler, vice-president of the Farmers National Bank of this city and county treasurer, and one of the county's most prominent citizens, was found dead at his home here today. His wife heard a pistol shot, and rushing in, found her husband dead.

**NEWS OF DEATH RECEIVED WITH GREAT SHOCK.**  
The body of L. D. Amsler, vice president and cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Hempstead, was found this morning in the bathroom, according to a telephone message received by Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Searcy of this city, which message contained but meagre details of the tragedy. Death, it is said, was caused by a bullet from a pistol, the wound being inflicted in the side of the head. He leaves a widow and mother, two daughters, one son, one brother and two sisters. The daughters are: Mrs. L. R. Besse of College Station and Miss Harriet Mayo Amsler, who is attending Southwestern University at Georgetown; the son, Hervey, assistant cashier of the new bank at Corpus Christi; the brother, John Amsler of Hempstead, state representative from Waller county; the sisters, Mrs. P. B. Thornton of Houston and Mrs. Theo. Ahrenbeck of Hempstead. Mrs. C. A. Searcy, formerly Miss Harriet Mayo, made her home with the Amslers before her marriage. The widow is the second wife of the deceased.

## AMSLER FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON AT HOME REV. BIRD IN CHARGE

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
The funeral services for L. D. Amsler, banker and county treasurer, who was found dead from a pistol shot, by his wife on Monday morning in the bathroom of the home at Hempstead, will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the family home with Rev. S. Moylan Bird, rector of the Episcopal church of Bryan, in charge. Mr. Amsler was a member of the Episcopal church and also a prominent Mason and both will unite in the service. Burial will be in the Hempstead city cemetery. Survivors are the widow and mother of the deceased; two daughters, Mrs. L. R. Besse of College Station and Miss Harriet Mayo Amsler who is attending Southwestern University at Georgetown; one son, Hervey, assistant cashier of the new bank at Corpus Christi; one brother, John Amsler, of Hempstead, state representative from Waller county; two sisters, Mrs. P. B. Thornton of Houston and Mrs. Theo. Ahrenbeck of Hempstead. Mrs. Searcy, wife of Dr. C. A. Searcy, of this city, formerly Miss Harriet Mayo, for whom the youngest Amsler daughter is named, made her home with the Amslers before her marriage.

## STEEP HOLLOW STORIES

(Special to Bryan Daily Eagle.)  
STEEP HOLLOW, Dec. 31.—Misses Katie and Rebecca Hall are spending Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Hall. Miss Ollie Moore of Dallas is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore. Mrs. Etta Smith of Houston is spending a few days with Miss Laura Mims. Mrs. Louelle Worsham and children of Quanah, who have been visiting Mrs. Fannie Worsham, have returned home. W. E. Woods of Somerville is visiting in the Hall home. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foster and children spent Sunday with her father, Allen Hopkins of Iowa. Sidney Atkinson of Corsicana is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. E. Moore. Misses Eva and Emma Tobias of Bryan spent the week-end with Misses Cora and Annie Laura Cook. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnett and Lizzie Barnett spent Sunday with Mrs. Charlie Jones of Harvey.

## DR. L. O. WILKERSON IN DESCRIPTION OF BIG GAME HUNT IN CHINA

Following the usual good luncheon at the Green Parrot Tea room, the introduction of visitors and a little fun created by W. S. Barron at the expense of the pianist, Miss Ruth Knox, closing with a tribute to her and her rendition of song accompaniment, the program was turned over to Dr. L. O. Wilkerson, guest of President D. L. Wilson, whom, Rotarian Wilson said, would have something entertaining to tell of his experiences in China. Dr. Wilkerson stated that he

# R. B. GRANT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST BUSINESS MEN'S CLASS

The Business Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Sunday School elected officers on Sunday morning, December 28th. Class officers are elected twice annually in June and December, and the incoming leaders of this splendid class of men will serve the next six months. R. B. Grant was elected president; Jas. M. Dunn, first vice president; Dr. L. O. Wilkerson, second vice president; L. R. Benning, third vice president; O. J. Parks, treasurer; T. H. Haltom, secretary; R. R. Ellis, assistant secretary; A. J. Buchanan, reporter; Dr. Jno. A. Held, teacher; John A. Moore, assistant teacher; Locke McNeely, chairman sick committee; A. S. Ware, chairman entertainment committee. The progress made by this organized class of men, during the past two years has been little short of marvelous. Many activities, including charitable, inspirational and educational work have been carried on, and a spirit of co-operation and unity exists that gives promise of even greater things to be accomplished in the future. The class sessions are held in the auditorium of Carnegie Library, and there is always a splendid attendance.

# HISTORICAL AND TRAGICAL HISTORY OF CIVIL WAR DAYS—MOB LAW RULE

(By Associated Press)  
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Ben Thompson died with his boots on. He was killed in San Antonio by Billy Simms, who ran a gambling house there. His body was brought to Austin and buried here. If any of his old-time associates thought of the tombstone which was stored in the gaming hall they never mentioned it at the time. His grave is still unmarked.

**BRYAN BOY HEARD ST. PETERSBURG RUSSIA ON A 3-TUBE RADIO**  
J. D. Martin, Jr., of Bryan is the proud recipient of a card from headquarters giving verification of his supposition that St. Petersburg, or Petrograd, was the foreign station he heard on last Thanksgiving night, November 24th. Late that night—a memorable night to Junior Martin, he had two stations trying to come in at the same time on his three tube set that has been installed for about two years. One he would plainly understand as Mexico City; the other he could not determine where it was being broadcast from but felt reasonably sure that it was from abroad as this was the week of the International Tests.

A little later in the night the Mexico City station closed its program and then the other station came in on the loud speaker so strong that it could be heard by the boy's father in the adjoining room, 30 feet distant. The boy did not, at any time during the evening, make out just exactly what station he was hearing but sent a card to K. S. D., the St. Louis Post Dispatch Station and gave them a description of how the station had come in, on what wave-length and a description of the program heard. The card he received on Friday told him that St. Petersburg was the station that he had heard on Thanksgiving night.

A year ago on Thanksgiving night of 1923, the same boy heard distinctly the station at Glasgow, Scotland, said his father yesterday.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP NUMBER 13 MET SUNDAY EVENING**  
The usual weekly meeting of troop No. 13 met at 2 o'clock Sunday, the meeting being opened with the Scout oath. Scoutmaster W. S. Barron told the boys how they have misbehaved and how they should behave in the future. Mr. Barron thanked the boys for the Christmas presents they gave him. He also made a speech to them about what Rotary meant and how the Rotary Club in San Antonio helped the Boy Scouts in that place. The boys discussed old and new business. The meeting was closed with the oath. Those present were: Scoutmaster Barron, Frank Bain, Willie Boriskie, Abram Kaplan, Morris Hamilton, Theodore Boriskie, Sam Trant, Sam Kaplan, John Robert Persons, Henry and Neal Godwin, Osborn Higgs, Woodrow Wallace, Morris Kaplan. A SCOUT.

Mrs. W. B. Bizzell, Mrs. B. Youngblood, Mrs. M. Francis, Mrs. R. P. Marsteller, Mrs. C. C. Todd and Mrs. J. B. Bagley of College were among the visitors in Bryan today.

## PERSONAL MENTION

(From Monday's Daily)  
Lula Mae and J. E. Blaylock, Jr., of Waco, who have been spending the Christmas season in Bryan with their grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Bullock on College avenue, returned to Waco today to re-enter school which began this morning after the Christmas vacation.

Fritz Vanderwerth left Sunday afternoon for a business trip to Houston. Allister Waldrop, who has been visiting relatives in Calvert, returned home on Sunday.

Sangster Bizzell, city engineer for Jacksonville, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell, of College, has returned to Jacksonville.

Rev. J. B. Gleissner returned Sunday from Hearne where he went to hold services in the Hearne and Calvert Catholic churches.

Harold Radford of Kenedy arrived Sunday for a visit of a few days with Bryan friends.

Miss Maggie Lee Holleman of Houston has returned to her home after a delightful visit during the holidays with Miss Maude Brown, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ellis and family have returned from spending the Christmas holidays in Houston with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Eastham and son, Jack B. Eastham of Waxahachie, who have been spending a part of the Christmas season in Bryan with Mrs. Eastham's brothers, W. S. and J. Webb Howell and their families, left today for their home after a pleasant visit.

Mrs. L. H. Tucker returned today from Houston where she spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Manton and family.

Mrs. Dora Barnes, who spent the holidays in San Antonio, returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. P. S. Tilson will arrive in Bryan on Tuesday for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Mary P. Carr. Mrs. Tilson is to be among the house party for the reception given on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Milton W. Sims and Mrs. Milton W. Sims, Jr., honoring Mrs. Charles H. Mills of Corsicana.

Mrs. S. H. Cain and children of Fort Worth are here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Frank McGee and family.

H. F. Payne of Kenedy has returned to his home after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Frank McGee.

Chief C. E. Jenkins is confined at his home with a case of flu.

Ray Corley is here from Bryan to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Corley.—North Zulch Commonwealth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williamson and baby, C. L., Jr., of Coleman, who have been here for a short visit to their mother, Mrs. Dora E. Williamson and brother, D. D. Williamson, and family left today for their home. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson were en route from Houston and Navasota where they spent the Christmas holidays.

The M. H. James Drug Co. has received a car load of furniture and fixtures for Store No. 3 at College. A force of men are on the job to receive the stock of drugs arriving today and by evening real business will be under way.

J. M. Gordon has returned from a Christmas visit in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, Jr., arrived home this morning from Wharton, where they spent the holidays visiting her brother and others.

Mrs. T. H. Carlson arrived in Bryan on last Wednesday to join her husband here, who is a teacher in the Mechanical Engineering Department of A. and M. College. Mrs. Carlson comes from Brookings, South Dakota. This is her first visit to Texas.

Mrs. Lee J. Rountree returned Sunday from El Paso, where she spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Webb and daughter, Frances Barnett, arrived today to spend the New Year holidays with Mrs. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff A. Harris. Mr. Webb is assistant general passenger agent of the Texas-Pacific Railway with headquarters at New Orleans.

Dr. S. Ross Dunn, veterinarian, of Longview, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dunn of Route No. 2, is in Bryan to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. W. A. Stone and little daughter, of College, was shopping in Bryan today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stanford are comfortably domiciled in their new home recently purchased from Mrs. L. E. Morehead on Ursuline avenue. Their home vacated on East 28th Street has been leased to Miss Grace Bowman, who will convert it into two apartments.

O. H. Coleman and son, Oscar, and daughter, Georgia, of Dayton, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stanford at their new home on Ursuline avenue.

C. D. Conner, manager of the Marquez Hardware Company at Marquez, Texas, was in Bryan today on business. He is the guest of County Commissioner John M. Moore.

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Mrs. L. Lobella is reported quite ill with pneumonia.

Messdames Henry S. Locke and James Page arrived Tuesday night from a Christmas visit to their mother, in San Antonio. They were accompanied by Misses Frances and Eula Beth Locke. Upon their return by auto they were forced to abandon their car at Giddings on account of slippery roads.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Glazener spent the Christmas holidays with their parents at Fairfield. Mr. Glazener returned today, but left Mrs. Glazener and the children for a longer visit.

Albert and Charlie Payne of Edge are Bryan visitors.

C. W. Risinger of Steep Hollow is a visitor in Bryan today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Womble of

Madisonville are here visiting their son, Henry Womble, and family.

W. S. Higgs, acting president of the First State Bank and Trust Company, is quite ill at his home with a case of flu.

Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Coulter and daughter, Helen, of Rockdale, spent Sunday in Bryan, guests of Mrs. J. W. Coulter and family.

Coach Charley Hudson of Allen Academy returned Monday from Ada, Okla., where he spent the Christmas holidays with a sister, Mrs. Wayne W. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Schovajsa are both ill with attacks of flu.

Mrs. Edward D. Brandt expects to return to her home in Luling on Wednesday after a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Horner returned to San Antonio Tuesday after a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Turner and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Bittle left Tuesday for their home in Texarkana after a Christmas visit with Col. and Mrs. C. C. Todd at College.

Miss Miriam Crute, who is studying voice and instrumental music under Gabe Cazell of Ennis returned to Ennis today after spending the Christmas holidays in Bryan with Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Eberstadt. Miss Crute has a marvelous soprano voice and Bryan friends are watching her career with a great deal of interest.

Miss Corinne Leibrecht of Marlin is a guest of Miss Lois Manley and visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Edinburg.

Little Miss Frances James is reported ill today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Parks, Misses Helen Kerr Parks, Merry Lillian and Lucy, motored to Somerville and spent Sunday with Mr. Park's aunt, Mrs. Mary Parks. They returned to Bryan before the rain began and report the roads in splendid condition. They made the trip in an hour and fifteen minutes.

Henry Hochman has let the contract for the erection of a modern cottage on the site of his former home in the extreme southern part of the city. Work on the new building will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

Eugene Parks of Dallas is enjoying a Christmas visit to his old home in Bryan and is being given cordial welcome by his many friends. He is visiting in the homes of his sisters, Mrs. J. W. Dyer and Mrs. John A. Moore, and his brother, E. F. Parks, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conway are entertaining a delightful houseparty of relatives at their home on College avenue during the Christmas season. Their guests are: Mrs. Conway's father, L. L. Bradbury of Franklin; her brothers, Claude Bradbury of Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. Miller Bradbury of Franklin, and her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Poetter of Franklin and Miss Constance Bradbury of Baylor University, Waco.

Mrs. A. R. Sutton returned yesterday afternoon from Fort Worth where she spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

W. F. Miller has returned from spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Houston and attending the marriage of his son, Frank Miller, Jr., in that city.

Misses Minnie Lou and Mary Andrew of Blum are here for a visit with their father (R. P. Andrews of the Eden Store and are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Falgout.

Gabe Cazell, Jr., age seven years, is spending the holiday season in Ennis with his father, Gabe, Jr., made the trip to Ennis alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Potts of College Station and Capt. Jack Davis of the A. and M. College, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Potts.—Waco News-Tribune.

Miss Artie Lou Smith has returned from San Antonio where she has been quite ill for the past several weeks. Miss Smith was spending her vacation with her sister, Miss Ella Smith, in San Antonio, when stricken with acute appendicitis, which required an emergency operation. Many friends in Bryan are rejoiced that Miss Artie Lou has regained her health and is at home again. She is visiting for a few days with her brother, J. Tom Smith and family, before resuming her office position at the A. and M. College.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith and two children of Shreveport, La., are visiting relatives and friends in Bryan during the Christmas season. Mr. Smith is a brother of J. Tom and Coulter Smith of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Solon Morgan are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born to them on Christmas Day. Both mother and son are doing splendidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Turner and little daughter, Shirley Irene Turner, were in Bryan today from their home at Smetana, where Mr. Turner is principal of the school.

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HEMPSTEAD, Dec. 29.—L. D. Amsler, vice-president of the Farmers National Bank of this city and County Treasurer, and one of the county's most prominent citizens, was found dead at his home here today. His wife heard a pistol shot, and rushing in, found her husband dead.

**NEWS OF DEATH RECEIVED WITH GREAT SHOCK.**  
The body of L. D. Amsler, vice president and cashier of the Farmers National Bank of Hempstead, was found this morning in the bathroom, according to a telephone message received by Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Searcy of this city, which message contained but meagre details of the tragedy. Death, it is said, was caused by a bullet from a pistol, the wound being inflicted in the side of the head. He leaves a widow and mother, two daughters, one son, one brother and two sisters. The daughters are: Mrs. L. R. Besse of College Station and Miss Harriet Mayo Amsler, who is attending Southwestern University at Georgetown; the son, Hervey, assistant cashier of the new bank at Corpus Christi; the brother, John Amsler of Hempstead, state representative from Waller county; the sisters, Mrs. P. B. Thornton of Houston and Mrs. Theo. Ahrenbeck of Hempstead. Mrs. C. A. Searcy, formerly Miss Harriet Mayo, made her home with the Amslers before her marriage. The widow is the second wife of the deceased.

## AMSLER FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON AT HOME REV. BIRD IN CHARGE

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The funeral services for L. D. Amsler, banker and county treasurer, who was found dead from a pistol shot, by his wife on Monday morning in the bathroom of the home at Hempstead, will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the family home with Rev. S. Moylan Bird, rector of the Episcopal church of Bryan, in charge. Mr. Amsler was a member of the Episcopal church and also a prominent Mason and both will unite in the service. Burial will be in the Hempstead city cemetery. Survivors are the widow and mother of the deceased; two daughters, Mrs. L. R. Besse of College Station and Miss Harriet Mayo Amsler who is attending Southwestern University at Georgetown; one son, Hervey, assistant cashier of the new bank at Corpus Christi; one brother, John Amsler, of Hempstead, state representative from Waller county; two sisters, Mrs. P. B. Thornton of Houston and Mrs. Theo. Ahrenbeck of Hempstead. Mrs. Searcy, wife of Dr. C. A. Searcy, of this city, formerly Miss Harriet Mayo, for whom the youngest Amsler daughter is named, made her home with the Amslers before her marriage.

## STEEP HOLLOW STORIES

(Special to Bryan Daily Eagle)  
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## DR. L. O. WILKERSON IN DESCRIPTION OF BIG GAME HUNT IN CHINA

Following the usual good luncheon at the Green Parrot Tea Room, the introduction of visitors and a little fun created by W. S. Barron at the expense of the pianist, Miss Ruth Knox, closing with a tribute to her and her rendition of song accompaniment, the program was turned over to Dr. L. O. Wilkerson, guest of President D. L. Wilson, whom, Rotarian Wilson said, would have something entertaining to tell of his experiences in China. Dr. Wilkerson stated that he

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The Business Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Sunday School elected officers on Sunday morning, December 28th. Class officers are elected twice annually in June and December, and the incoming leaders of this splendid class of men will serve the next six months. R. B. Grant was elected president; Jas. M. Dunn, first vice president; Dr. L. O. Wilkerson, second vice president; L. R. Benning, third vice president; O. J. Parks, treasurer; J. H. Halton, secretary; R. R. Ellis, assistant secretary; A. T. Buchanan, reporter; Dr. Jno. A. Held, teacher; John A. Moore, assistant teacher; Locke McNeely, chairman sick committee; A. S. Ware, chairman entertainment committee. The progress made by this organized class of men, during the past two years has been little short of marvelous. Many activities, including charitable, inspirational and educational work have been carried on, and a spirit of co-operation and unity exists that gives promise of even greater things to be accomplished in the future. The class sessions are held in the auditorium of Carnegie Library, and there is always a splendid attendance.

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It is recalled that Colonel John Cardwell, editor of the Austin Statesman during the 80's and later American consul to Cairo, Egypt, was one of the most unique figures in the State of Texas 40 years ago. He was seldom seen in any public gathering, but his strong personality and fearlessness in expressing his views on any subject impressed his individuality upon the community and state. E. G. Senter, an oldtime newspaperman of Texas, some time ago contributed interesting reminiscences of Colonel Cardwell. He related the experience which Cardwell had with Ben Thompson, a notorious desperado. He said:

**Deliberately Offends Desperado.**  
"The autocrat of Austin at that time was Ben Thompson, a noted frontier character. To offend him was to invite extermination. When Cardwell was probably the most dangerous man with whom the officials of Texas ever had to cope, Thompson had been making things particularly lively around Austin, and the public held its breath, waiting for his fireworks to begin the matinee, when Colonel Cardwell's attention was attracted to his playful antics. The officers had been giving him a wide berth for a week or more and this stirred the wrath of the quiet newspaperman. To the amazement of the entire population of the city, the Statesman came out in a double-column editorial which declared in substance that Ben Thompson was entitled to no more consideration than any other man of his character, and talking rather plainly of both Thompson and the officers. As soon as the paper left the press the scent of trouble filled the air. The news of the deftly reached Thompson before the ink was dry on the paper, and he sallied forth to silence the revolutionary journalist. At the Statesman office he found no one but the 'devil' who was cleaning up the composing room, and after notifying that functionary that he would return that night, Ben proceeded to 'pi' several cases of type, and relieved his feelings for the moment by kicking the 'devil' downstairs. When the episode became known, Colonel Cardwell's friends hurried to advise him to leave town at once and to stay away until Ben could sober up. The colonel smiled one of his quaint little smiles and said the town belonged to him as much as to Thompson and that he proposed to stay in it. His friends then urged him to arm himself, but this he refused to do. Every one knew that Ben would keep his word and return to the Statesman office that night, and most people expected that the funeral of the editor would soon follow.

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"No, you can wait until I have done something that will give you the subject for a befitting epitaph."

"The tombstone occupied the center of the gambling room for several days and attracted much attention. Finally it was removed by Thompson's order and its existence was forgotten until its discovery when the old building was torn down."

Ben Thompson died with his boots on. He was killed in San Antonio by Billy Simms, who ran a gambling house there. His body was brought to Austin and buried here. If any of his old-time associates thought of the tombstone which was stored in the gambling hall they never mentioned it at the time. His grave is still unmarked.

## BRYAN BOY HEARD ST. PETERSBURG RUSSIA ON A 3-TUBE RADIO

J. D. Martin, Jr., of Bryan is the proud recipient of a card from headquarters giving verification of his supposition that St. Petersburg, or Petrograd, was the foreign station he heard on last Thanksgiving night, November 24th. Late that night—a memorable night to Junior Martin, he had two stations trying to come in at the same time on his three tube set that has been installed for about two years. One he would plainly understand as Mexico City; the other he could not determine where it was being broadcast from but felt reasonably sure that it was from abroad as this was the week of the International Tests.

A little later in the night the Mexico City station closed its program and then the other station came in on the loud speaker so strong that it could be heard by the boy's father in the adjoining room, 30 feet distant. The boy did not, at any time during the evening, make out just exactly what station he was hearing but sent a card to K. S. D., the St. Louis Post Dispatch Station and gave them a description of how the station had come in, on what wave-length and a description of the program heard. The card he received on Friday told him that St. Petersburg was the station that he had heard on Thanksgiving night.

A year ago on Thanksgiving night of 1923, the same boy heard distinctly the station at Glasgow, Scotland, said his father yesterday.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP NUMBER 13 MET SUNDAY EVENING

The usual weekly meeting of troop No. 13 met at 2 o'clock Sunday, the meeting being opened with the Scout oath. Scoutmaster W. S. Barron told the boys how they have misbehaved and how they should behave in the future. Mr. Barron thanked the boys for the Christmas presents they gave him. He also made a speech to them about what Rotary meant and how the Rotary Club in San Antonio helped the Boy Scouts in that place. The boys discussed old and new business. The meeting was closed with the oath. Those present were: Scoutmaster Barron, Frank Bain, Willie Boriskie, Abram Kaplan, Morris Hamilton, Theodore Boriskie, Sam Trant, Sam Kaplan, John Robert Persons, Henry and Neal Godwin, Osborn Higgs, Woodrow Wallace, Morris Kaplan. A SCOUT.

Mrs. W. B. Bizzell, Mrs. B. Youngblood, Mrs. M. Francis, Mrs. R. P. Marsteller, Mrs. C. C. Todd and Mrs. J. B. Bagley of College were among the visitors in Bryan today.

## PERSONAL MENTION

(From Monday's Daily)

Lula Mae and J. E. Blaylock, Jr., of Waco, who have been spending the Christmas season in Bryan with their grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Bullock on College avenue, returned to Waco today to re-enter school which began this morning after the Christmas vacation.

Fritz Vanderwerth left Sunday afternoon for a business trip to Houston.

Allister Waldrop, who has been visiting relatives in Calvert, returned home on Sunday.

Sangster Bizzell, city engineer for Jacksonville, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell, of College, has returned to Jacksonville.

Rev. J. B. Gleissner returned Sunday from Hearne where he went to hold services in the Hearne and Calvert Catholic churches.

Harold Radford of Kenedy arrived Sunday for a visit of a few days with Bryan friends.

Miss Maggie Lee Holleman of Houston has returned to her home after a delightful visit during the holidays with Miss Maude Brown, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ellis and family have returned from spending the Christmas holidays in Houston with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Eastham and son, Jack B. Eastham of Waxahachie, who have been spending a part of the Christmas season in Bryan with Mrs. Eastham's brothers, W. S. and J. Webb Howell and their families, left today for their home after a pleasant visit.

Mrs. L. H. Tucker returned today from Houston where she spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Manton and family.

Mrs. Dora Barnes, who spent the holidays in San Antonio, returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. P. S. Tilson will arrive in Bryan on Tuesday for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Mary P. Carr. Mrs. Tilson is to be among the house party for the reception given on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Milton W. Sims and Mrs. Milton W. Sims, Jr., honoring Mrs. Charles H. Mills of Corsicana.

Mrs. S. H. Cain and children of Fort Worth are here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Frank McGee and family.

H. F. Payne of Kenedy has returned to his home after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Frank McGee.

Chief C. E. Jenkins is confined at his home with a case of flu.

Ray Corley is here from Bryan to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Corley.—North Zulch Commonwealth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williamson and baby, C. L. Jr., of Coleman, who have been here for a short visit to their mother, Mrs. Dora E. Williamson and brother, D. D. Williamson, and family left today for their home. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson were en route from Houston and Navasota where they spent the Christmas holidays.

The M. H. James Drug Co. has received a car load of furniture and fixtures for Store No. 3 at College. A force of men are on the job to receive the stock of drugs arriving today and by evening real business will be under way.

J. M. Gordon has returned from a Christmas visit in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, Jr. arrived home this morning from Wharton, where they spent the holidays visiting her brother and others.

Mrs. T. H. Carlson arrived in Bryan on last Wednesday to join her husband here, who is a teacher in the Mechanical Engineering Department of A. and M. College. Mrs. Carlson comes from Brookings, South Dakota. This is her first visit to Texas.

Mrs. Lee J. Rountree returned Sunday from El Paso, where she spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Webb and daughter, Frances Barnett, arrived today to spend the New Year holidays with Mrs. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff A. Harris. Mr. Webb is assistant general passenger agent of the Texas-Pacific Railway with headquarters at New Orleans.

Dr. Ross Dunn, veterinarian, of Longview, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dunn of Route No. 2, is in Bryan to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. W. A. Stone and little daughter, of College, was shopping in Bryan today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stanford are comfortably domiciled in their new home recently purchased from Mrs. L. E. Morehead on Ursuline avenue. Their home vacated on East 28th Street has been leased to Miss Grace Bowman, who will convert it into two apartments.

O. H. Coleman and son, Oscar, and daughter, Georgia, of Dayton, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stanford at their new home on Ursuline avenue.

C. D. Conner, manager of the Marquez Hardware Company at Marquez, Texas, was in Bryan today on business. He is the guest of County Commissioner John M. Moore.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Mrs. L. Lobella is reported quite ill with pneumonia.

Mesdames Henry S. Locke and James Page arrived Tuesday night from a Christmas visit to their mother, in San Antonio. They were accompanied by Misses Frances and Eula Beth Locke. Upon their return by auto they were forced to abandon their car at Giddings on account of slippery roads.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Glazener spent the Christmas holidays with their parents at Fairfield. Mr. Glazener returned today, but left Mrs. Glazener and the children for a longer visit.

Albert and Charlie Payne of Edge are Bryan visitors.

C. W. Risinger of Steep Hollow is a visitor in Bryan today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Womble of

Madisonville are here visiting their son, Henry Womble, and family.

W. S. Higgs, acting president of the First State Bank and Trust Company, is quite ill at his home with a case of flu.

Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Coulter and daughter, Helen, of Rockdale, spent Sunday in Bryan, guests of Mrs. J. W. Coulter and family.

Coach Charley Hudson of Allen Academy returned Monday from Ada, Okla., where he spent the Christmas holidays with a sister, Mrs. Wayne W. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Schovajsa are both ill with attacks of flu.

Mrs. Edward D. Brandt expects to return to her home in Luling on Wednesday after a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Horner returned to San Antonio Tuesday after a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Turner and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Bittle left Tuesday for their home in Texarkana after a Christmas visit with Col. and Mrs. C. C. Todd at College.

Miss Miriam Crute, who is studying voice and instrumental music under Gabe Cazell of Ennis returned to Ennis today after spending the Christmas holidays in Bryan with Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Eberstadt. Miss Crute has a marvelous soprano voice and Bryan friends are watching her career with a great deal of interest.

Miss Corinne Leibrecht of Marlin is a guest of Miss Lois Manley and visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Edinburg.

Little Miss Frances James is reported ill today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Parks, Misses Helen Kerr Parks, Merry Lillian and Lucy, motored to Somerville and spent Sunday with Mr. Park's aunt, Mrs. Mary Parks. They returned to Bryan before the rain began and report the roads in splendid condition. They made the trip in an hour and fifteen minutes.

Henry Hoehlmann has let the contract for the erection of a modern cottage on the site of his former home in the extreme southern part of the city. Work on the new building will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

Eugene Parks of Dallas is enjoying a Christmas visit to his old home in Bryan and is being given cordial welcome by his many friends. He is visiting in the homes of his sisters, Mrs. J. W. Dyer and Mrs. John A. Moore, and his brother, E. F. Parks, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conway are entertaining a delightful houseparty of relatives at their home on College avenue during the Christmas season. Their guests are: Mrs. Conway's father, L. L. Bradbury of Franklin; her brothers, Claude Bradbury of Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. Miller Bradbury of Franklin, and her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Poetter of Franklin and Miss Constance Bradbury of Baylor University, Waco.

Mrs. A. R. Sutton returned yesterday afternoon from Fort Worth where she spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

W. F. Miller has returned from spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Houston and attending the marriage of his son, Frank Miller, Jr., in that city.

Misses Minnie Lou and Mary Andrew of Blum are here for a visit with their father (R. P. Andrews of the Eden Store and are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Falgeau.

Gabe Cazell, Jr., age seven years, is spending the holiday season in Ennis with his father. Gabe, Jr., made the trip to Ennis alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Potts of College Station and Capt. Jack Davis of the A. and M. College, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Potts.—Waco News-Tribune.

Miss Artie Lou Smith has returned from San Antonio where she has been quite ill for the past several weeks. Miss Smith was spending her vacation with her sister, Miss Ella Smith, in San Antonio, when stricken with acute appendicitis, which required an emergency operation. Many friends in Bryan are rejoiced that Miss Artie Lou has regained her health and is at home again. She is visiting for a few days with her brother, J. Tom Smith and family, before resuming her office position at the A. and M. College.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith and two children of Shreveport, La., are visiting relatives and friends in Bryan and in the Reliance community during the Christmas season. Mr. Smith is a brother of J. Tom and Coulter Smith of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Solon Morgan are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born to them on Christmas Day. Both mother and son are doing splendidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Turner and little daughter, Shirley Irene Turner, were in Bryan today from their home at Smetana, where Mr. Turner is principal of the school.

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